

## PERIOD 4 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 4-01 Ministers of Hope as Prophets and Mystics (\*) - **Msgr. Arturo Bañuelas**
- 4-02 Dancing with Hildegard / Dancing with Hope (\*) - **Betsey Beckman & Laura Ash**
- 4-03 Can the Natural World Afford a “Just War”? (\*) - **Sr. Dianne Bergant**
- 4-04 Egypt Behind ... Gladness to Find (\*) - **Dr. Michael Downey**
- 4-05 Disciple Building Youth Ministry that is BUILT TO LAST (\*) - **Tom East**
- 4-06 Prayer Afire: Enlivening Prayer Experiences for Children (\*) - **Steven Ellair**
- 4-07 Be Dazzled by the Light of Faith: A Practical Look at the Encyclical of Pope Francis (\*) - **Fr. Richard Fragomeni**
- 4-08 Will There Be Faith? (\*) - **Dr. Thomas Groome**
- 4-09 Say What!?!? Getting the Church More Engaged at Your Parish (\*) - **Mark Hart**
- 4-10 Reconciliation: The Forgotten Sacrament (\*) - **Rev. James Heft**
- 4-11 Henri Nouwen: A Life of Hope Amidst Tension - **Wil Hernandez**
- 4-12 Scandalous Love: You Can't Get Away From a Love That Won't Let You Go (\*) - **Rev. Terry Hershey**
- 4-13 Creating a Culture of Holiness in Your Parish (\*) - **Bill Huebsch**
- 4-14 Mothers, Mystics, Martyrs and Models of Faith (\*) - **ValLimar Jansen & Sarah Hart**
- 4-15 Simplicity: A Freedom, a Challenge and a Mandate for Human Survival (\*) - **Jack Jezreel**
- 4-16 What I Heard in the Confessional (\*) - **Fr. Joe Kempf**
- 4-17 “Post-sacrament” Evangelization (\*) - **Cardinal Roger Mahony**
- 4-18 How Religion Both Makes and Unmakes Racial Prejudice and Fear (\*) - **Fr. Bryan Massingale**
- 4-19 The Peaceful Soul: Making the Serenity Prayer a Way of Life (\*) - **Fr. Jonathan Morris**
- 4-20 Native American Spirituality, Tradition and Storytelling (\*) - **Georgiana Valoyce Sanchez, Luella Wagner, Clementine Bordeaux & David Valenzuela**
- 4-21 *In Vitro* Fertilization and Assisted Reproductive Technologies - **Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk**
- 4-22 The “Question Behind the Question”: What Youth and Young Adults Really Want to Know and How to Address Their Fears, Hopes and Concerns (\*) - **Roy Petitfils**
- 4-23 Evangelization and Justice in the Church's Mission (\*) - **Dr. Jonathan Reyes**
- 4-24 If Loving You is Wrong, I Don't Want to be Right! Exploring God's Unconditional Love (\*) - **Rev. R. Tony Ricard**
- 4-25 The New Evangelization: Called to Be Holy (\*) - **Bishop David Ricken**
- 4-26 Avoiding the “Stale Air”: A Biblical Reflection on the Mission of Jesus and the Essential Outreach of the Church (\*) - **Fr. Donald Senior**
- 4-27 Ecclesia: The Church as a Movement (\*) - **Fr. Michael White & Tom Corcoran**
- 4-28 Riding the Dragon: Strengthening Your Inner Life in Challenging Times - **Dr. Robert Wicks**
- 4-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Liturgy and Lay Ministries) (\*) - **Fr. Think Duc Pham**

## PERIOD 5 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 5-01 All Things Catholic: What's Hot and What's Not in the Global Church (\*) - **John Allen Jr.**
- 5-02 Liturgical Movement for Adults (\*) - **Donna Anderle**
- 5-03 Human Trafficking: Going Under the Belly of the Beast (\*) - **Patrick Atkinson**
- 5-04 *Missio Dei*: Transfiguration of All Creation (\*) - **Sr. Dianne Bergant**
- 5-05 Standing with Those Who “Live Outside the Camp” (\*) - **Rev. Gregory Boyle**
- 5-06 Communion (\*) - **Fr. Pat Brennan**
- 5-07 Get Them to Church: Ways to Bring Catholics to Sunday Mass, Every Sunday (\*) - **Fr. Louis Cameli**
- 5-08 Secular Sanctity - **Fr. Donald Cozzens**
- 5-09 The Pastor Has All the Power – However... Without the Laity and Lay Leadership, There is Little Power to Exercise! (\*) - **Rev. John Cusick**
- 5-10 Parishes Working Together: New Hope for the New Evangelization (\*) - **Msgr. Raymond East**
- 5-11 The Passion Calls Us to be Peacemakers (\*) - **Fr. Gary Donegan & Brian McKee**
- 5-12 Gay Catholic? Identifying as Catholic Before Gay (\*) - **Arthur Fitzmaurice & Panel**
- 5-13 A Church Afire with Hope (\*) - **Fr. William Headley**
- 5-14 Enriching Sunday Mass with a Hymn of the Day - **Fr. Jan Michael Joncas**
- 5-15 Hi God: Evangelizing Children Through Music, Gesture and Song - **Carol Kinghorn & Carey Landry**
- 5-16 Pilgrim: Seeking the Way - **Liam Lawton, Tony Alonso & Chris de Silva**
- 5-17 Medical and Moral Decision-making in End-of-Life Situations - **Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk**
- 5-18 Collaboration or Competition: Mass and Sports vs. Mass or Sports (\*) - **Robert McCarty & Vikki Shepp**
- 5-19 Being Christ's Body (\*) - **Fr. Timothy Radcliffe**
- 5-20 Attuning Ourselves to the Fire, the Heartbeat of Christ: Exploring a Rich Mystical Image (\*) - **Rev. Ronald Rolheiser**
- 5-21 Saved by Beauty: The Healing Power of Art and Music (\*) - **Bro. Michael O'Neill McGrath & John Angotti**
- 5-22 Growing Up Catholic: Character and Faith (Young Adolescent Ministry) (\*) - **Sr. Kieran Sawyer**
- 5-23 Young Adult Ministry: 10 ways to Engage, Empower and Ignite the Faith of Young Adults (\*) - **Julianne Stanz**
- 5-24 “I Will Prove My Holiness Through You...” (Ez. 36:23-26) (\*) - **Sr. Maureen Sullivan**
- 5-25 American Islam (\*) - **Jihad Turk**
- 5-26 Developing the Gift of Faith (\*) - **Jean Marie Weber**
- 5-27 Sacramental Imagination and Faith Formation (\*) - **Sr. Angela Zukowski**
- 5-70 Vietnamese Workshop (One Can't Really Hope Without Faith) (\*) - **Bishop Joseph Nguyen Tuoc**

## PERIOD 6 – 3:00 - 4:30 PM

- 6-01 Imagining God in a Scientific Age (\*) - **Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**
- 6-02 Answer the Call: Ritual Creating Discipleship (\*) - **Tom Kendzia**
- 6-03 “Spiritual But Not Religious” Adults and Young Adults Belong Here (\*) - **Douglas Leal**
- 6-04 Holding to Belief in an Unbelieving World - **Fr. Richard Leonard**
- 6-05 Praying in Color (\*) - **Sybil MacBeth**
- 6-06 1, 2, 3 ... God Loves Me! Singing and Celebrating with Children (\*) - **Michael Mangan**
- 6-07 The Paschal Mystery in Daily Life (\*) - **Dr. Timothy Matovina**
- 6-08 Three Jewish Spiritual Heroes: Moses, David, Jesus (\*) - **Rabbi Michael Meyersohn**
- 6-09 Are You Certifiable? Exploring National Lay Ecclesial Ministry Certification: The Opportunities and Challenges (\*) - **Charlotte McCorquodale**
- 6-10 Inspiring Youth to Mission and Solidarity (\*) - **Ted Miles, Joyce Francois & Juan Carlos Montenegro**
- 6-11 What is Hope but Courage Willed and Shared! (\*) - **Dr. Megan McKenna**
- 6-12 “For You Were Once Aliens!” (Ex. 22:20): The Bible on Immigrants (\*) - **Fr. J. Patrick Mullen**
- 6-13 Hold Each Other – For God's Sake: An Affirmation of the Gift of Sexuality (\*) - **Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson**
- 6-14 T.H.I.N.K.: Five Ways to Deal with the Media in Your (Child's) Life (\*) - **Sr. Rose Pacatte**
- 6-15 Catholic Teaching and the Realities of the American Death Penalty (\*) - **Dale & Susan Recinella**
- 6-16 Pope Francis: What Does He Mean for the Church? - **Thomas Reese**
- 6-17 Signs of God's Grace: The Sacraments (\*) - **Fr. Thomas Scirghi**
- 6-18 The Pastoral Council: Building a Living, Hope-filled Community, Not a Corporate Body of Management (\*) - **Bro. Loughlan Sofield**
- 6-19 Happiness, Suffering and the Love of God: Why Would an All-loving God Allow Suffering? (\*) - **Rev. Robert Spitzer**
- 6-20 The ABCs of Faith Formation with Youth (\*) - **Michael Theisen**
- 6-21 Sacraments for Older Children: Practical Ideas to Address the Need (\*) - **Victor Valenzuela**
- 6-22 HIV Prevention Based on the Dignity of the Human Person: Effective and Faithful Responses (\*) - **Msgr. Robert Vitillo**
- 6-23 Setting Your Choir on Fire! (\*) - **Christopher Walker**
- 6-24 Parenting Teens and Surviving With Grace! (\*) - **Char Wenc**
- 6-25 Fanning a Small Flame into a Mighty Fire (\*) - **David Wells**
- 6-26 Enkindle the Light of Hope Through Dance (\*) - **John West**
- 6-27 Attention, Please! Using the Divine Pedagogy to Help Children Focus and Engage in Their Faith (\*) - **Dr. Joseph White**
- 6-70 Vietnamese Workshop (Teaching Young People the Burning Question Concerning Moral Life: “Bioethics”) (\*) - **Bro. Fortunat Phong**

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**4-01 MINISTERS OF HOPE AS PROPHETS AND MYSTICS** 🗣️

This session is a basic introduction to the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church and a reflection on how to live them in our global communities. The reflection on the challenges to hope includes such topics as immigration reform, responsible use of water, voting, racism and similar issues.

**Msgr. Arturo J. Bañuelas**

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

**4-02 DANCING WITH HILDEGARD / DANCING WITH HOPE** 🗣️

Hildegard of Bingen, the German Benedictine abbess canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012, is one of the church's newest saints and the fourth woman ever to be named a Doctor of the Church! Come learn about this 12th-century mystic and artist as we explore prayers, dances and songs based on her teachings. Experience her gift of virtues, move with the psalms that nurtured her spirit, and embody Hildegard's spirit of *viriditas* as the greening of our souls. Through her vision of the Divine – "I, the fiery life of divine wisdom..." – let Hildegard lead us dancing into hope!

**Betsey Beckman, MM**

*Betsey Beckman is a freelance liturgical movement artist, storyteller, author and InterPlay leader based in Seattle. She regularly appears as artist/presenter for national conventions, online retreats and international journeys. Back at home, Beckman is Director of Movement Ministry at St. Patrick Church in Seattle and Director of The Dancing Word, her company that produces DVDs celebrating women's arts and spirituality.*

**Laura Ash**

*Laura Ash is Music Director at St. Patrick Church in Seattle, where she has supported the ministry of movement for over 20 years. Laura and her husband, David, have composed and published three collections of liturgical music, have created music for many dance offerings with Betsey Beckman, and have composed the music for the musical "Grace on the Margins," which debuted in April 2013.*

**4-03 CAN THE NATURAL WORLD AFFORD A "JUST WAR"?** 🗣️

The traditional understanding of "just war" addresses the effect of war on human beings and property. It does not include the destruction done to the natural world. This presentation will address this aspect. It will raise the question of the legitimacy of this tradition for today.

**Dianne Bergant, CSA**

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, a Sister of St. Agnes, is the Distinguished Professor of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She was President of the Catholic Biblical Association of America and has been an active member of the Chicago Catholic-Jewish Scholars Dialogue for the past 30 years. For more than 20 years, she was the Old Testaments book reviewer for The Bible Today, a member of their editorial board and serving as general editor. She also wrote the weekly column, The Word, for America magazine (2002-05).*

**4-04 EGYPT BEHIND ... GLADNESS TO FIND** 🗣️

The beginning of God's people on the earth involved God moving Abraham across ancient borders. Movement to places of new hope is a theme woven into the very fabric of the biblical story. The "negro spirituals" sing over and over of crossing the Jordan as the sign of hope and an escape from despair. In this workshop, Dr. Michael Downey will chart the contours of a spirituality of migration, with attention not only to the migration of persons and peoples across many borders, but to the migration of our own weary spirits from the confines of despair to the gladness of hope.

**Dr. Michael Downey**

*Dr. Michael Downey has served as professor at U.S. universities and seminaries for 30 years, in addition to guiding retreats, giving conferences and lecturing in developing countries throughout the world. After nearly 20 years of service in the Los Angeles Archdiocese, Dr. Downey is now Professor of Theology at Saint Mark's College at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. He is author or editor of more than a dozen books. In 1995, he was honored with the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice award.*

**4-05 DISCIPLE BUILDING YOUTH MINISTRY THAT IS BUILT TO LAST** 🗣️**Tom East (bio 2-05)**

Parishes throughout the country have found key practices and are providing youth ministry in new ways that help young people live their faith actively as young adults and adults. These communities built a strong foundation for effective youth ministry through vision, collaboration, faith witness, connections with families and active involvement of youth. This workshop will explore the essential strategies and practices of parishes that are building youth ministry that lasts and developing young disciples who thrive.

**4-06 PRAYER AFIRE: ENLIVENING PRAYER EXPERIENCES FOR CHILDREN** 🗣️**Steven Ellair (bio 3-03)**

Do you feel like it's time to energize and enliven how we use prayer in the classroom? Then this is a workshop for you! We will explore some effective and creative ways to bring prayer alive with children and focus on a variety of prayer ideas that can be used immediately. Come and learn how to awaken the prayer potential for your ministry with children!

## 4-07 BE DAZZLED BY THE LIGHT OF FAITH: A PRACTICAL LOOK AT THE ENCYCLICAL OF POPE FRANCIS ☪

Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni (bio 2-08)

Participants will bask in the light of faith that is presented to us in the words of *Lumen Fidei* (Light of Faith), the first encyclical of Pope Francis. Practical implications will be offered for our lives, our ministries and our relationships with one another.

## 4-08 WILL THERE BE FAITH? ☪

According to St. Luke's account, toward the end of his public ministry, Jesus himself wondered if, when he'd come again, would he "find faith on earth?" This question seems all the more urgent in our postmodern times and as our societies become more secularized. This workshop says "yes, but ... ." So much depends on what faith we share and how we share it.



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.*

## 4-09 SAY WHAT?!? GETTING THE CHURCH MORE ENGAGED AT YOUR PARISH ☪

Mark Hart (bio 3-07)

How do we connect with the Church when they're away from the parish? How do we get the souls in the pews on Sunday to engage Monday through Friday? Join Mark Hart as he offers some interesting insights and practical ideas on how to engage all ages of the Church the other 167 hours a week.

## 4-10 RECONCILIATION: THE FORGOTTEN SACRAMENT ☪

During the first half of the 20th century, Catholics went to confession frequently, even weekly. In the second half of the last century, they had gone less and less often but still receive communion, always. What has happened? How often should a Catholic receive the sacrament of confession? Why not go straight to God?



Fr. James L. Heft, SM

*Marianist priest Fr. James Heft is the Alton Brooks Professor of Religion, and President of the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. He is author and editor of 12 books and 190 articles. Fr. Heft spent many years at the University of Dayton in Ohio as Chair of the Theology Department as well as Provost and Chancellor. In 2011, he was honored with the Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for his long and distinguished service to Catholic higher education.*

## 4-11 HENRI NOUWEN: A LIFE OF HOPE AMIDST TENSION

Henri Nouwen, the Dutch-born Catholic priest and writer, no doubt embodied a tension-filled life riddled with the sobering realities of spiritual imperfections, paradoxes and polarities. Yet, he also exemplified for us all what it means to befriend mystery and tension via the transformative dynamic of hope which can serve to fuel our own continuing journey.



Wil Hernandez, PhD, OBI OSB

*Dr. Wil Hernandez is founder and President of CenterQuest, an ecumenical hub for the study and practice of Christian spirituality. A lay Benedictine Oblate of St. Andrew's Abbey in Valyermo, Calif., Dr. Hernandez conducts retreats and teaches courses across the country and abroad on the spirituality of Henri Nouwen. He is author of a trilogy on Nouwen, all published by Paulist Press. He also serves on the Planning Committee of the Leadership Institute for Spiritual Directors International.*

## 4-12 SCANDALOUS LOVE: YOU CAN'T GET AWAY FROM A LOVE THAT WON'T LET YOU GO ☪

Rev. Terry Hershey (bio 1-09)

In the Gospel of Luke, a woman lives in a world where she is shunned, criticized and belittled. She has felt broken, and is looking for hope, and grace, and rest. We can all relate. So she goes to a party and pours perfume on Jesus' feet, weeping, caressing and kissing. In our culture, we believe, or recite creeds. And we certainly discourage indiscriminate desire. And yet this woman finds herself by falling in love. And what are you in love with? What seizes your imagination? God, wonder, wholeheartedness, gratitude will affect everything. In the end, *grace* heals not by taking shame away, but by removing the one thing our shame makes us fear the most: rejection.

## 4-13 CREATING A CULTURE OF HOLINESS IN YOUR PARISH ☪

Do you want to set your parish on fire? If you do, then plan to create a culture of holiness there. In this workshop, Bill Huebsch will help us imagine and plan for how a parish can launch and sustain a culture in which the call to holiness is sounded often and people are helped to respond. This would be a culture of welcome and generosity; one of self-giving love and dying to self; one of corporal and spiritual works of mercy; one in which people's hearts are dedicated to the poor; a culture of shared faith, prayer, fasting and almsgiving – all grounded in the liturgical and catechetical life of the parish.



Bill Huebsch

*Bill Huebsch is Director of the online Pastoral Center at Twenty-third Publications, where he previously served as President. He worked as diocesan administrator for many years in the Diocese of New Ulm, Minn., where he served with Bishop Ray Luckner. He later served as Director of Religious Education in a suburban Minneapolis parish. Huebsch has spoken to thousands of people both nationally and internationally and has many published works, including the recent, "Come to the Table/Ven a la Mesa."*

**4-14 MOTHERS, MYSTICS, MARTYRS AND MODELS OF FAITH** 🗣️

In this workshop, we will examine the lives of women from our ancient mothers to contemporary women of faith. How do we apply their experiences to our daily lives to discover joy and fulfillment? Join ValLimar Jansen and Sarah Hart as they use music, storytelling, Scripture, reflection and poetry, to weave a tapestry of faith, hope and love.



**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 MC 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!*



**Sarah Hart**

*Sarah Hart is a Grammy-nominated songwriter, recording artist and producer, based in Nashville, Tenn. For 20 years, the traveling "itinerant minister" and musician has performed, keynoted and/or presented at World Youth Day, national youth conferences and numerous diocesan youth events, women's conferences and parish missions across the United States and abroad. In March 2014, Hart's first musical, "Bernadette of Lourdes," will have its world premiere in Nashville, Tenn.*

**4-15 SIMPLICITY: A FREEDOM, A CHALLENGE AND A MANDATE FOR HUMAN SURVIVAL** 🗣️

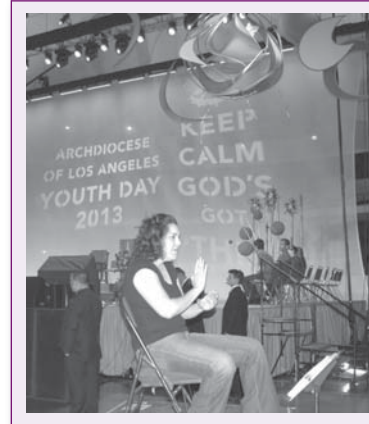
**Jack J. Jezreel (bio 1-11)**

The modest and simple lifestyle of Pope Francis provides an occasion for the faith community to revisit the Gospel call to live simply. The words of Jesus and the testimony of the saints make clear that simplicity is an essential part of the spiritual and moral life of the Christian disciple. In addition, the 21st-century reality makes clear that simplicity is a requirement for our future survival as a species. We will look at the call to simplicity through the lenses of human fulfillment, holiness, resisting consumerism and scarcity of resources.

**4-16 WHAT I HEARD IN THE CONFESSIONAL** 🗣️

**Fr. Joe Kempf (bio 3-08)**

These amazing, funny and tender moments (with no names given, of course) teach us profound and liberating truths about life *outside* the confessional! What makes it so hard for us to believe that we can be forgiven? Why forgive? Is there ever a time when we should NOT forgive someone else? What do I teach those entrusted to my care about offering forgiveness? Come learn and laugh with Fr. Joe Kempf as he shares what he has learned through the stories and lives of those who have passed through his confessional.



**CONGRESS FACT:**  
*We make every effort to assure that Congress is accessible to deaf and hard of hearing persons, offering services including sign interpreters at Youth Day and Congress and Assistive Listening Devices.*

**4-17 "POST-SACRAMENT" EVANGELIZATION** 🗣️

As we emphasize the New Evangelization, one avenue we need to explore I call "post-sacrament" evangelization. We are quite skilled at pre-sacrament catechesis, but what happens the day after? After a wonderful confirmation liturgy, what do we have for these young people the next day? After First Communion, what contact do we maintain with those children and families? After marriage, what do we have for the newly married couples? We have terrific RCIA teams; but what concrete steps do we take to make the newly baptized become active members of our faith communities?



**Cardinal Roger Mahony**

*Cardinal Roger Mahony, Archbishop Emeritus of Los Angeles, was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Fresno, Calif. In 1975 he was named Auxiliary Bishop of Fresno, and in 1980 he was named Bishop of Stockton, Calif. From 1985-2011, Bishop Mahony served as the fourth archbishop of Los Angeles, and was elevated to Cardinal in 1991. Today, Cardinal Mahony continues to work for comprehensive immigration reform. In 2012, he celebrated his golden jubilee (50 years) as priest.*

**4-18 HOW RELIGION BOTH MAKES AND UNMAKES RACIAL PREJUDICE AND FEAR** 🗣️

**Rev. Bryan N. Massingale, STD (bio 3-14)**

It is a disturbing paradox that religious people of all faiths are among the most intolerant persons, and yet people of faith are also at the forefront of justice movements. This session explores how religion has been – and still is – used to justify injustice and exclusion, and how religious faith can also lead to a deeper commitment to human equality and justice for all.

**4-19 THE PEACEFUL SOUL: MAKING THE SERENITY PRAYER A WAY OF LIFE** 🗣️

**Fr. Jonathan Morris (bio 3-17)**

Fr. Jonathan Morris will break down for us the classic "Serenity Prayer" and teach us how to accept the things we cannot change, courageously change the things we can, and to wisely know the difference.

Workshops

## CONGRESS TRIVIA:

*RECongress not only draws people from across the country and from Canada and Mexico, but last year we had attendees from Australia, Canada, England, Guam, Ireland and Northern Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand and Panama.*

### 4-20 NATIVE AMERICAN SPIRITUALITY, TRADITION AND STORYTELLING

This session, comprised of a panel of presenters, will discuss Native American spirituality and its connection to Catholicism. Storytelling, traditions, culture, song, dance and rituals will be presented by members of The Kateri Circle, who will take a look at their role in Southern California and beyond. Each presenter will speak on the relevance of Native American tradition and wisdom for today's society, share their life experiences and speak about the recent canonization (October 21, 2012) of St. Kateri Tekakwitha by Pope Benedict XVI.



#### Georgiana Valoyce Sanchez

*Georgiana Volyce Sanchez is a Native American of the Chumash and O'odham people, born and raised in Southern California. She is an Elder on the Barbareno Chumash Council and Chair of the Chumash Elders Women's Council of the Wishtoyo Foundation. Sanchez has taught for the American Indian Studies program at California State University, Long Beach for over 27 years. She is a renowned storyteller and lecturer, and a Board Member of the California Indian Storytellers Association.*



#### Luella Wagner

*Luella Wagner has taught for 19 years in Catholic education at both the elementary and high school levels. She has taught internationally in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and in the mission field in American Samoa. She recently spent a year teaching on the Northern Cheyenne Indian reservation in Montana. Wagner has been a presenter at Regional Congresses of the Los Angeles Archdiocese and has conducted retreats and workshops throughout the Los Angeles area. She writes for the Inner Wisdom blog.*



#### Clementine Bordeaux

*An enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe of South Dakota, Clementine Bordeaux was raised on the Pine Ridge Reservation, where she worked as Youth Ministry Coordinator at the Red Cloud Indian School before attending the Native Voices Film program at the University of Washington. She has presented on American Indian histories as well as on St. Kateri Tekakwitha and now works as an Academic Coordinator for the American Indian Studies program at the University of California, Los Angeles.*



#### David Valenzuela

*David Valenzuela has been a member of the Native American community in the Los Angeles Archdiocese for over 25 years. He has held positions of Liturgy Chairperson and committee member assisting in the preparation of monthly liturgies for the Native American community at St. Marcellinus Church in Los Angeles. Valenzuela has spoken often to groups about Native American culture, and has assisted at the L.A. Religious Education Congress in the preparation of many of the Native American liturgies.*

### 4-21 IN VITRO FERTILIZATION AND ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

This workshop will examine the current methods of assisted reproductive technology, including *in vitro* fertilization (IVF). Fr. Tad Pacholczyk will begin with the physiology of human reproduction and the properties of the human embryo. A review of documents containing the Church's teaching will be discussed, including *Donum Vitae*, *Evangelium Vitae* and citations from the "Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services." Alternative methods to assist couples in the procreation of children that are consistent with Catholic ethical teaching will be discussed, as well as evaluating emerging technologies, including Gamete Intrafallopian Transfer and Natural Procreative Technology.



#### Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD

*A priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., Fr. Tad Pacholczyk is Director of Education for the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. With his advanced work in dogmatic theology and bioethics, he has testified on stem cell research and cloning before members of state legislatures. Fr. Pacholczyk has given presentations and has participated in roundtables on contemporary bioethics throughout the United States, Canada and Europe and has appeared on CNN International, National Public Radio, and ABC's "World News Tonight."*

### 4-22 THE "QUESTION BEHIND THE QUESTION": WHAT YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS REALLY WANT TO KNOW AND HOW TO ADDRESS THEIR FEARS, HOPES AND CONCERNS

In this dynamic workshop, you'll discover common pitfalls of attempting to answer tough questions from "tough" young people and young adults. You'll learn skills to help you go deeper to find the "question behind the question" – the real issue, fear, longing or concern of that young person that is not evident in their initial question. You'll discover a method of dialoguing with them to help clarify their thinking, identify their values, articulate their concerns and uncover answers to the real questions of faith and life they most deeply long to understand.



#### Roy Petitfils, MS, LPC

*For 20 years, Roy Petitfils has ministered to youth and young adults as a teacher, high school campus minister, administrator and school counselor in parish, school and diocesan settings. Today, he is a counselor in private practice. Petitfils has spoken in over 30 dioceses throughout the United States to youth, young adults and adults at conferences, workshops and parish missions. He has written many articles, and his latest published book is entitled "What Teens Want You to Know (But Won't Tell You)."*

### 4-23 EVANGELIZATION & JUSTICE IN THE CHURCH'S MISSION

**Jonathan J. Reyes, PhD (bio 3-21)**

The link between evangelization and justice has been frequently articulated by recent popes as inseparable for the Church's mission. Still, these two dimensions of the

Christian mission have not always been easily linked in the actual ministry of the Church. The papacy of Francis provides an opportunity to consider the history of the Church's vision of its evangelizing and social missions and to offer reflections on some recent developments in this area.

#### 4-24 IF LOVING YOU IS WRONG, I DON'T WANT TO BE RIGHT! EXPLORING GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE ☪

Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv (bio 1-16)

Some have come to believe that they are responsible for telling God whom to love. Rather than loving unconditionally, they choose to exclude folks from the embrace of our Heavenly Father. They choose to marginalize anyone who is not like them. Somehow the poor, the weak, the immigrant and even the gay communities are not deserving of God's love. This interactive workshop will explore God's offer of love to those who are often cast aside by the self-righteous. In the eyes of Jesus, we should all be saying, "If loving you is wrong, I don't want to be right!"

#### 4-25 THE NEW EVANGELIZATION: CALLED TO BE HOLY ☪

To be Catholic is to be called to holiness. In this call to holiness, "we realize that a great love has been offered, a good word has been spoken to us, and that when we welcome that word, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit transforms us, lights up our way to the future and enables us joyfully to advance along that way on wings of hope" (Pope Francis, *Lumen Fidei*). This workshop draws on Sacred Scripture and the deep spiritual treasures of our Catholic faith to outline the New Evangelization through the lens of the universal call to holiness.



**Most Rev. David L. Ricken**

*Bishop David Ricken is the 12th bishop of the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis., and was installed on August 28, 2008. Prior to his appointment, he served as Bishop of the Diocese of Cheyenne, Wyo. Bishop Ricken is a member of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis. He also serves as a member of the Bishops' Advisory Council for the Institute for Priestly Formation and the Catholic Mutual Relief Society.*

#### 4-26 AVOIDING THE "STALE AIR": A BIBLICAL REFLECTION ON THE MISSION OF JESUS & THE ESSENTIAL OUTREACH OF THE CHURCH ☪

Fr. Donald Senior, CP (bio 3-23)

In the first months of his papacy, Pope Francis urged Catholics, including bishops, priests, religious and lay leaders, to reach out beyond the boundaries of the Church to serve those in need. In so doing, the Pope reflects a deep spiritual dynamic found in the ministry of Jesus himself and amplified in the New Testament writings.

#### 4-27 ECCLESIA: THE CHURCH AS A MOVEMENT ☪

Fr. Michael White & Tom Corcoran (bios 1-25)

God created the Church to be a movement of his people and not simply the preservation of a building. In this session, we will share why it is vital we see the Church as a movement. We will also share strategies for getting your church moving – especially if it has been static.

#### 4-28 RIDING THE DRAGON: STRENGTHENING YOUR INNER LIFE IN CHALLENGING TIMES

Dr. Robert J. Wicks (bio 1-28)

One of the greatest gifts we can share with others is a sense of our own peace. However, we can't share what we don't have. By discussing spiritual and psychological approaches to maintaining perspective and inner strength in challenging times, Dr. Robert Wicks, an expert on the prevention of secondary stress (the pressures experienced in reaching out to others), offers insights into how we can live in peace and, in turn, extend our warmth to others without losing our own inner fire in the process. Practical, illustrative and lively, this rich presentation will provide essential information on professional resilience and personal well-being.

#### 4-70 Phụng Vụ và Tông Đồ Giáo Dân ☪

Linh mục Bartôlômêô Phạm Đức Thịnh (buhay 1-70)

Hiến Chế về Phụng Vụ Thánh của Công Đồng Vatican II đã mở một chân trời mới cho mọi tầng lớp trong Giáo Hội khi tham dự vào Phụng Vụ Thánh, đặc biệt là nhiệm vụ tông đồ giáo dân. Buổi hội thảo sẽ nhìn vào hai khía cạnh thần học và giáo lý để giúp tham dự viên hiểu rõ hơn về vai trò của người giáo dân trong phụng vụ của Giáo Hội ngày nay.

#### LITURGY AND LAY MINISTRIES ☪

Rev. Thinh Duc Pham (bio 1-70)

The "Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" of the Second Vatican Council opened a new horizon for all members of the Church on their conscious and active participation in the liturgical celebrations. This workshop will focus on theological and catechetical aspects that enable a better understanding on the role of the laity in the liturgy of the Church today. (Session presented in Vietnamese.)



## 5-01 ALL THINGS CATHOLIC: WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT IN THE GLOBAL CHURCH ☪

Veteran Vatican writer John Allen takes a 360-degree look at the highlights and lowlights of Catholic news in the past 12 months, drawing out a few big-picture conclusions about what it all means, and then outlines some important stories to watch in the year to come. This session is for Catholics who want a keen sense of what's happening in their Church, not just in the United States, but in Rome and around the world.



**John L. Allen Jr.**

*John Allen is the prize-winning Senior Correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter and Senior Vatican Analyst for CNN. He is author of six best-selling books and writes frequently on the Church for major national and international publications.*

*His weekly internet column, "All Things Catholic," is widely read as a source of insight on the global Catholic Church. Allen divides his time between Rome and his home in Denver.*

## 5-02 LITURGICAL MOVEMENT FOR ADULTS ☪

**Donna Anderle (bio 2-02)**

Come experience the spiritual expression of prayer through movement, simple gesture and dance! Participants will be guided through the process of preparation – stretching and ballet warm-ups, centering – through meditation and breath work, and execution of the dance and ritual movement to beautiful liturgical music. This workshop is all about participating, so come ready to work!

## 5-03 HUMAN TRAFFICKING: GOING UNDER THE BELLY OF THE BEAST ☪

What is human trafficking and what does it mean for you? Are you at risk? Are your children? Join international human rights leader Patrick Atkinson, drawing from his 30 years fighting war, poverty and prostitution around the world, as he explores the historical and contemporary dynamics of human trafficking. Learn what you can do to protect yourself and your loved ones, as well as help bring an end to modern-day slavery.



**Patrick Atkinson**

*Missioner, educator and human rights defender, Patrick Atkinson is best known as founder and Executive Director of The God's Child Project, a non-profit charity he began in 1991. Founder of several schools, clinics and community development centers, Atkinson also founded in 2001 the Institute for Trafficked, Exploited & Missing Persons to promote action against contemporary slavery and human trafficking. He has given presentations at universities, churches, schools and conferences located from Nairobi, Kenya, to Okinawa, Japan, and from Washington, D.C. to Los Angeles.*

## 5-04 MISSIO DEI: TRANSFIGURATION OF ALL CREATION ☪

**Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA (bio 4-03)**

At the end of St. Mark's Gospel, Jesus sends his Disciples to proclaim the Gospel "to the whole creation." This session will show that the mission of God – given to Jesus, then to his Disciples, and finally to us – calls for the "transfiguration of all creation."

## 5-05 STANDING WITH THOSE WHO "LIVE OUTSIDE THE CAMP" ☪

This workshop will explore Jesus' invitation to move from "fan" to "follower," from "cure" to "inclusion." Join Fr. Greg Boyle as he shares stories, parables and lessons learned from ministry to Los Angeles-area gang members at Homeboy Industries, a non-profit organization that employs, trains and provides a path of change to more than 300 former gang members every year.



**Gregory Boyle, SJ**

*Author and speaker Fr. Greg Boyle is Executive Director and founder of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang intervention program in the United States (soon entering its 25th year). After his work in Bolivia, Mexico and California's Folsom Prison, Fr. Boyle, a native Angelino, returned to the Boyle Heights community of Los Angeles. It was there that the Jesuit priest started what would become Homeboy Industries.*

## 5-06 COMMUNIO ☪

**Fr. Patrick J. Brennan, MDiv, STL, DMin (bio 1-02)**

God did not intend that we live the isolation, independence and loneliness that so many people experience. This session will explore how small Christian communities, neighborhood ministry, family ministry, and leadership and ministering communities can transform a parish into a relational net reflective of the Reign of God.

## 5-07 GET THEM TO CHURCH: WAYS TO BRING CATHOLICS TO SUNDAY MASS, EVERY SUNDAY ☪

Drawing from his book, "Bread of Life: Exploring the Presence of Eucharist in Our Lives," and the recent Year of Sunday Mass in the Chicago Archdiocese, Fr. Louis Cameli will suggest ways of addressing decreasing participation in Sunday Mass. The focus will be on deeper understanding, clear witness and creating a supportive environment.



**Fr. Louis J. Cameli**

*A priest of the Chicago Archdiocese, Fr. Louis Cameli's ministry of service in Illinois has included: Pastor of Divine Savior Church in Norridge; teaching for over 20 years at Mundelein Seminary; director of ongoing formation for priests; and theologian for the Chicago Archdiocese, where he serves as Cardinal's Delegate for Formation and Mission. Fr. Cameli has authored books and monographs, and has led retreats as well as catechetical conferences in collaboration with RCL Benziger.*

**5-08 SECULAR SANCTITY**

Can we find wholeness and holiness in our secular age? Author and spiritual guide Fr. Donald Cozzens believes we can. This workshop will draw on the insights of contemporary saints and mystics who have found calm in the midst of chaos, serenity in the face of struggle, and compassion in a culture of fierce competition.

**Fr. Donald Cozzens**

*Spiritual writer and retreat master, Fr. Donald Cozzens is Writer in Residence and Adjunct Professor of Theology at John Carroll University in Cleveland. He formerly served as President-Rector at Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology, also in Cleveland. Dr. Cozzens has lectured in Australia, New Zealand, Ireland and at numerous universities and organizations in the United States. He has made many TV and radio appearances, including "Meet the Press" with Tim Russert and "Fresh Air" with Terry Gross.*

**5-09 THE PASTOR HAS ALL THE POWER – HOWEVER...WITHOUT THE LAITY AND LAY LEADERSHIP, THERE IS LITTLE POWER TO EXERCISE!**

**Rev. John C. Cusick (bio 1-04)**

How often I have heard, "Father, you have some great ideas and suggestions, but in my parish, our pastor makes all the decisions and he likes the way things are"! Sadly, too many lay leaders and parish volunteers become paralyzed by this. This workshop will offer some very practical pastoral strategies for ALL levels of parish life. They can be employed by a pastor, parish council, catechetical board, liturgy team, ministers of care, and you – to enhance our ministry. Don't stay paralyzed!

**5-10 PARISHES WORKING TOGETHER: NEW HOPE FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION**

Jesus came to set the world afire with hope. It's difficult however to keep hope alive when parish attendance is dwindling and programs are struggling. Is your parish in competition with others? Are you losing members to neighboring parishes or vice versa? What's growing and what's dying? Starting with New Testament examples of inter-church action, we will share new ways of evangelizing, where parishes and vicariates or deaneries work with each other in cooperation, not competition. Come learn about the "Mission in Motion" initiative between 12 parishes. Bring your examples of evangelizing with other parishes or congregations.

**Msgr. Raymond G. East**

*The grandson of Baptist missionaries to South Africa, Msgr. Ray East was born in Newark, N.J., and raised in San Diego, Calif. A priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., he served in six local parishes before being named Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Church. Msgr. East formerly served as Director of the Office of Black Catholics and Vicar for Evangelization in the Washington Archdiocese. He travels the country presenting at local and regional gatherings as well as at major national events.*

**5-11 THE PASSION CALLS US TO BE PEACEMAKERS**

The Passionist parish of Holy Cross Church in Belfast has suffered more deaths in the conflict in the north of Ireland than any other community. The traumatic events of "The Troubles" are still being witnessed by people from the community and violence is still a reality on its streets. Fr. Gary Donegan and Brian McKee have lived through the events in Holy Cross Parish and will reflect on the role of faith in bringing about peace and reconciliation in a divided community. This workshop will explore how the call to work for justice and peace has been lived out on the streets of Belfast, and the lessons for other communities marked by conflict and division.

**Fr. Gary Donegan, CP**

*Fr. Gary Donegan has been an itinerant preacher for over 20 years and presently is Rector of the Passionist Community at Holy Cross Parish in Ardoyne, Belfast, Northern Ireland, where he has lived since 2001. He is involved in many initiatives aimed at building peace at both the parish and national levels in the north of Ireland. Fr. Donegan has acted as mediator between armed groups – both police and community groups – over many years and brings a wealth of personal experience to peacemaking.*

**Brian McKee**

*Brian McKee taught theology and was Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry for 10 years in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He served for several years as Chair of the National Committee of Diocesan Youth Directors in Ireland and is a frequent speaker at both adult and youth conferences. McKee is currently working in the field of peace and reconciliation with the Passionists in their Holy Cross Parish in Belfast and as Director of the nearby Passionist retreat center.*

**5-12 GAY CATHOLIC? IDENTIFYING AS CATHOLIC BEFORE GAY**

Many people have left the Church, but even more couldn't ever even consider that. LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) people offer a model for what it means to identify as Catholic above all else. In this workshop, a panel lead by Dr. Arthur Fitzmaurice will share why they are Catholic to the end in light of Church teachings on homosexuality. In fact, we will share how homosexual identity has brought us closer to the Church and affirmed our Catholic identity.

**Arthur G. Fitzmaurice, PhD & Panel**

*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 Catholics, and has presented at various regional and annual conferences. He also appears on several YouTube episodes produced by the Ignatian News Network.*



## 5-13 A CHURCH AFIRE WITH HOPE

We are a Church afire with hope! But, with the Boston Marathon bombing, Syrian and other Middle East conflicts and stories of violence, we forget our baptismal call to be “ministers of peace” and to build hope in our communities. Join Fr. Bill Headley, a long-time global peace-builder and professor at the University of San Diego’s Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies. Explore stories of Catholic peacebuilding, learn how these peacebuilders were inspired and how we can be “ministers of peace” in our own communities and join this hope-filled movement.



**Rev. William R. Headley, CSSp, PhD**

*Dr. Bill Headley, a Spiritan priest, is founding Dean and faculty member at the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies at the University of San Diego. He also serves as Professor of Peacebuilding Practice. Fr. Headley initiated Conflict Resolution at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, served as Counselor to CRS’ President, and was Coordinator for his Congregation’s inaugural International Justice and Peace Office.*

## 5-14 ENRICHING SUNDAY MASS WITH A HYMN OF THE DAY

One of the great legacies of the liturgical reforms initiated by Vatican II is the three-year Sunday and Solemnity lectionary cycle. Explore how employing a Hymn of the Day may enrich the community’s experience of the proclaimed Scriptures, mirror and reinforce the homily, and deepen the experience of eucharistic worship. We will be singing together many examples of Hymns of the Day.



**Fr. Jan Michael Joncas**

*Composer, author and speaker, Fr. Michael Joncas is Associate Professor of Catholic Studies at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. He has served as a parochial vicar, a campus minister, and a pastor. Fr. Joncas, ordained in 1980 as a priest for the St. Paul/Minneapolis Archdiocese, is author of four books and over 200 articles and reviews in journals. He is also composer and arranger of over 300 pieces of liturgical music.*

## 5-15 HI GOD: EVANGELIZING CHILDREN THROUGH MUSIC, GESTURE AND SONG

Carol Jean Kinghorn and Carey Landry have been helping teachers, catechists and musicians minister to children for over 40 years. In this workshop, they will demonstrate music from their recordings for children; signs and gestures for many of their songs; music from their new “Mass of Thanks and Praise”; and new ways of celebrating First Communion through song and gesture. There will be an emphasis on music for First Communion.



**Carol Jean Kinghorn & Carey Landry**

*Carol Jean Kinghorn and Carey Landry are partners in marriage as well as in ministry and have been ministering together in the field of music for liturgy, religious education and prayer since 1972. Carey and Carol Jean are also coordinators of liturgical music at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Indianapolis, where Carey directs the choir. Many of their recordings are available from OCP.*

## 5-16 PILGRIM: SEEKING THE WAY

The church is specifically described as the pilgrim church, and for centuries it has pursued and sought truth, life’s meaning, sacred shelter in times of difficulty, and above all, a greater understanding of God’s presence among humankind. These quests, called pilgrimages, can be internal or physical and have their origins deeply rooted in biblical history and folklore. This concept of traveling in search of the way toward a more intimate relationship with God provides the basis of this contemplative prayer experience.



**Liam Lawton**

*Liam Lawton is a priest of the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, Ireland, where he serves as Director of Music. He has recorded 15 collections of music and has written two books; his latest, “Where God Hides,” was just recently published. Fr. Lawton’s music has been translated into many languages and he has recorded two PBS specials. He has presented at conferences in Europe and across the United States, and is a regular presenter at the L.A. Congress.*



**Tony Alonso**

*Tony Alonso’s contemporary liturgical music appears in numerous compilations and hymnals, and he has presented at liturgy, music and theology conferences throughout the world. Alonso is currently a doctoral candidate in the Graduate Division of Religion at Emory University in Atlanta. Formerly, he served as Director of Music for Campus Ministry at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. His latest work, “Pilgrim” (with Liam Lawton and Chris de Silva), is due in 2014.*



**Chris de Silva**

*Chris de Silva is a composer, arranger and recording artist with GIA Publications, and shares his gift of music ministry at national conferences, diocesan and parish retreats around the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia. He has served at several faith communities in the Los Angeles Archdiocese and is presently Associate Director of Music and Liturgy at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.*

## 5-17 MEDICAL AND MORAL DECISION-MAKING IN END-OF-LIFE SITUATIONS

**Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD (bio 4-21)**

In this highly informative session, Fr. Tad Pacholczyk will discuss end-of-life circumstances that call for ethical decision-making. The parameters and benefits of Advanced Directives and Health Care Proxies will be compared and contrasted. Concepts of benefits and burdens will be discussed including extraordinary and ordinary medical means vs. extraordinary and ordinary moral means. The statements of Pope Pius XII and Pope John Paul II will be reviewed on the provision of artificial hydration and nutrition to persistent vegetative state patients. “The Ethical and Religious Directive for Catholic Health Care Services” (nn. 56-61) will be highlighted as a guide to policy formation and care vs. treatment.

**5-18 COLLABORATION OR COMPETITION: MASS AND SPORTS VS. MASS OR SPORTS** 🗣️

As resources become stretched and young people have more options with their time, should we be competing with other youth-serving agencies or start seeing them as partners in ministry? Learn how partnering with “secular” organizations can enhance your ministry. Using newly established principles for cooperative partnerships (from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry) as a framework, Bob McCarty and Vikki Shepp will walk you through a process for partnering that will allow collaboration, maintain Catholic identity and capture young people’s interest. Though aimed at youth ministry, these principles can easily be applied to other parish ministries.

**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 program at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, Md., and his hobbies include cycling, rock climbing and now grandparenting!*

**Vikki Shepp**

*Vikki Shepp currently serves as Vice President of Fund Development for the Girl Scouts of Orange County in California. She has been serving youth and the adults who work with them for nearly 30 years: as a youth minister, Junior Girl Scout leader, middle-school teacher and consultant to parishes and dioceses, as well as a professional Girl Scout. Shepp has authored and co-authored numerous books and articles. She presents volunteer management workshops throughout the United States and Canada.*

**5-19 BEING CHRIST’S BODY** 🗣️**Timothy Radcliffe, OP (bio 3-20)**

In the West, the Church faces a vast challenge in the communication of our faith. Fr. Timothy Radcliffe will argue that we can only do this by being Christ’s Body, a Word Incarnate.

**5-20 ATTUNING OURSELVES TO THE FIRE, THE HEARTBEAT OF CHRIST: EXPLORING A RICH MYSTICAL IMAGE** 🗣️**Fr. Ronald Rolheiser (bio 1-17)**

How do we listen to Christ’s heartbeat? What are the signs that we are listening? What is then asked of us? The Gospel of John presents discipleship in precisely those categories. How do we become “the beloved disciple” who hears Christ’s heartbeat? This presentation will try to unpack John’s mystical description of discipleship. As Evagrius of Pontus, the fourth century ascetic monk, puts it: *Breast of the Lord, Kingdom of God: Who rests against it, a theologian shall be.*

**5-21 SAVED BY BEAUTY: THE HEALING POWER OF ART AND MUSIC** 🗣️

Refresh the eyes and ears of your soul through the colorful art of Bro. Mickey McGrath and the soulful sounds of John Angotti as they lead us on a delightful journey of inner peace. Stories from the Gospels and lives of the saints in all their healing beauty will inspire you with new ways to pray and be aware of God’s loving presence. Saints from Gospel times to Dorothy Day and Pope John XXIII will help us celebrate the beautiful diversity of our universal Church.

**Bro. Michael O’Neill McGrath**

*Bro. Mickey McGrath is an artist and author currently living in Camden, N.J. He is also a popular speaker at retreats and religious education conferences around the country. The main theme of all his work centers on the healing power and prayerful nature of art and beauty. In 2013, Bro. McGrath’s book, “Saved By Beauty,” received first place awards from the Association of Catholic Publishers and the Catholic Press Association. He has published articles in Commonweal magazine and illustrated posters for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.*

**John Angotti**

*Originally from Clarksburg, W.V., John Angotti is a full-time music missionary now residing in Memphis, Tenn. He travels most parts of the world performing at workshops, retreats, missions, conferences, liturgies and concerts from Carnegie Hall to World Youth Day. Angotti is an accomplished composer with numerous CDs and collections with World Library Publications. With the completion of his rock-opera, “Job: The NOW Testament,” he is currently working on a book of prayers and reflections for teens.*

**5-22 GROWING UP CATHOLIC: CHARACTER AND FAITH (YOUNG ADOLESCENT MINISTRY)** 🗣️

Sr. Kieran Sawyer will show the inter-relationship of character development and faith development in the lives of middle-school children and teens. She will discuss how to create classroom, youth group and school environments that promote both moral behavior and a deepening faith commitment. This session will include practical techniques for guiding the minds and hearts of today’s young people and for teaching them to be responsible for their own moral growth and for the moral climate of their school, family and friendship group.

**Sr. Kieran Sawyer, SSND**

*Sr. Kieran Sawyer, a member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, is an author, catechetical speaker and trainer known nationally for her creative work in youth ministry and catechesis. She has taught religion at all levels of elementary and high school, in Catholic schools and in religious education programs, and has presented numerous workshops and programs for religion teachers, catechists and youth ministers across the country. Sr. Sawyer is Director Emeritus of the TYME OUT Youth Center in Wisconsin.*

## 5-23 YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: 10 WAYS TO ENGAGE, EMPOWER AND IGNITE THE FAITH OF YOUNG ADULTS ☪

Ministry to young adults is complex, challenging but extremely rewarding. In our parishes, we often meet young adults at the most joyful and hope-filled moments of their life – when they get engaged, married, at baptism and when they seek out faith formation for their children. But our young adult efforts often do not keep pace with where young adults are at and what they are searching for. This workshop will give participants 10 practical and effective ways to engage, empower and ignite the faith of our young adults so that they will “set the world ablaze,” in the words of Catherine of Siena.



### Julianne Stanz

*Julianne Donlon-Stanz is Director of the Department of New Evangelization for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis., and is a consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Catechesis and Evangelization. She has extensive workshop, retreat and presentation experience at both local gatherings and national conferences. Stanz, born in Ireland, is presently an adjunct faculty member of Silver Lake College of the Holy Family in Manitowoc, Wis., and serves on the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership Committee for Adult Faith Formation.*

## 5-24 “I WILL PROVE MY HOLINESS THROUGH YOU...” (EZ. 36:23-26) ☪

**Sr. Maureen Sullivan (bio 2-23)**

We are meant to be manifestations of God’s holiness. For many of us baptized so early in our Christian journey, there comes a time when we must come to understand what baptism means and consciously accept the offer of grace made to us so many years ago. Baptism is the embrace of God who first loved us. Have we truly accepted that embrace? Does our daily life attest to that acceptance? Our earthly journey is to become “morally” what we already are by virtue of our baptism. Only then can we begin to embody God’s claim to us offered in the words of the prophet Ezekiel. Benedict XVI’s Year of Faith has concluded ... might the fire of renewal follow?

## 5-25 AMERICAN ISLAM ☪

**Jihad Mohammed Turk (bio 2-25)**

Despite the high profile nature of Islam in the media, it is not common to hear from or about American Muslims. This session will focus on the history and demographics of the American Muslim community and the role that they are playing in American pluralism.

## 5-26 DEVELOPING THE GIFT OF FAITH ☪

**Jean Marie Weber (bio 2-26)**

Faith is a gift! This workshop will focus on the recognition of the gift of faith and our response. We will pursue such questions as: What does an active faith life look

like? Who assists in the process of developing this life? And how can one consciously help to develop the gift of faith in oneself and others? Come and explore!

## 5-27 SACRAMENTAL IMAGINATION AND FAITH FORMATION ☪

**Sr. Angela Zukowski, MSHS, DMin (bio 2-28)**

What is “sacramental imagination”? Why should catechists and Catholic schoolteachers be concerned with cultivating the sacramental imagination of those to whom we proclaim the Good News? Our ability to imagine is a great resource in cultivating a deeper appreciation of the Holy Spirit which surrounds us. In a digital world that clutters our time, attention and imagination with a diversity of distractions, we are discovering a loss of appreciation of mystery, wonder and beauty. This workshop explores ways to re-capture a sense of sacramental imagination for embracing a living faith, as Pope Francis invites us today!

## 5-70 Không thể hy vọng vững vàng nếu không có Đức Tin ☪

Đề tài nhằm minh chứng rằng Hy Vọng là điều thật cần thiết, nhất là trong bối cảnh xã hội hôm nay, để con người và nhất là kitô hữu có thể sống và sống dồi dào. Đồng thời, niềm Hy Vọng đúng đắn phải gắn liền với Đức Tin như là nền tảng. Chính trong đức tin vững vàng và sống động, người kitô hữu tỏ lộ khuôn mặt rạng rỡ niềm hy vọng.

## ONE CAN'T REALLY HOPE WITHOUT FAITH ☪

The Congress theme emphasizes that hope is vital, especially in our social context, so that everyone, particularly Christians, can live abundantly. Simultaneously, genuine hope always closely associates with its foundation: our faith. In fact, with an earnest and living faith, Christians confidently reveal their radiant face of hope. (Session presented in Vietnamese.)



### Đức Cha Nguyễn Tấn Tước

*Cha Nguyễn Tấn Tước Thụ phong Linh Mục tháng 4 năm 1991 cho Giáo Phận Phú Cường, phục vụ rất sát cánh với Giáo dân và giới trẻ trong GX Tha La, đặt biệt là lo cho người nghèo. Năm 2006 Cha tốt nghiệp Cao học Institut Catholique tại Parish. Cha trở về quê hương và đặt trách ơn gọi Linh Mục GP. Ngày 14 tháng 3 năm 2011 ĐGH Benedictô 16 bổ nhiệm làm GM Phó. Ngày 30 tháng 6 năm 2012 Đức Cha Tước đã lên kế vị làm GM Chính của GP Phú Cường.*

### Most Rev. Joseph Nguyen Tan Tuoc

*Bishop Joseph Tuoc Tan Nguyen was ordained a priest for the Phu Cuong Diocese in Vietnam in April 1991 and served at Tha La Parish, he works closely with young people, loves the parishioners and support to poor. He finished his Master's degree in Biblical Theology in France in 2006. Returning to Vietnam, he was placed in charge of The Religious Vocation for the Diocese. Pope Benedict XVI appointed him as a Coadjutor Bishop of Phu Cuong diocese on March, 2011. He became Bishop of Phu Cuong on July, 2012.*

**6-01 IMAGINING GOD IN A SCIENTIFIC AGE** 🔊**Dr. Richard Gaillardetz (bio 1-07)**

Too often Christianity is belittled as an intellectually bankrupt religion that, under the scrutiny of modern science, no longer can offer a credible account of God and God's activity in the world. In this workshop, we will explore our own customary forms of imagining God and will consider how our great theological tradition can enrich our religious imaginations and offer a compelling account of God that can respond to the challenges of a scientific world.

**6-02 ANSWER THE CALL: RITUAL CREATING DISCIPLESHIP** 🔊

Our ritual experiences have the power that can open the eyes of our hearts to become the living light of Christ. Music, wed to ritual action, makes this happen in a profound way, especially when we are called into one voice by the sheer act of communal song. Sacramental celebrations can't do this on their own, but must be followed by ongoing, weekly opportunities for conversion. Come and explore sung ritual experience that can "set the world afire."

**Tom Kendzia**

*Tom Kendzia has been a professional liturgical musician, speaker, performer and consultant since 1980. He has spoken at diocesan gatherings and international events, and presented many parish workshops/concerts throughout the United States, Canada, the West Indies, Europe and Asia. The author and consultant is currently Director of Music at Christ the King Church in Kingston, R.I. Kendzia's published works include "Lead Us To The Water," "Create In Me" and "Taste and See."*

**6-03 "SPIRITUAL BUT NOT RELIGIOUS" ADULTS AND YOUNG ADULTS BELONG HERE** 🔊

There's a lot of eye-rolling and hand-wringing in church circles whenever the subject of "spiritual but not religious" adults and young adults comes up. But the good news is that these people are already interested in the spiritual life! And the spiritual traditions of the church are the perfect home for them; we just need to start the conversation! In this workshop, we'll examine current trends in spirituality and their impact on outreach, evangelization and formation. We will also identify practical strategies for meeting these seekers (hint: they're already in our midst), and ways to evangelize, especially with young adults.

**Douglas Leal**

*Douglas Leal is Coordinator for Adult Faith Formation and Young Adult Ministry for the Los Angeles Archdiocese, and previously served as Director of Ministries at St. Sebastian Parish in Los Angeles. Leal is author of the skill-building book for lectors, "Stop Reading and Start Proclaiming!" and has presented at many regional and national gatherings, including the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership and the Center for Religion & Spirituality at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.*

**6-04 HOLDING TO BELIEF IN AN UNBELIEVING WORLD**

It is hard to underestimate the impact that the new atheists have had on many Christian believers and young Catholics too. What challenges are our detractors giving us? What are our responses? Through story, media and humor, we will explore how we can best witness to faith in a sometimes hostile world.

**Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ**

*Jesuit priest Fr. Richard Leonard is Director of the Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting, based in Melbourne, Australia. He is a Visiting Professor at the Gregorian University in Rome and has been a Visiting Scholar at the University of California, Los Angeles. A popular speaker at the Religious Education Congress since 2003, Fr. Leonard offers workshops that look at the intersection between our faith and contemporary culture. His books include "Why Bother Praying" and "Where the Hell is God?"*

**6-05 PRAYING IN COLOR** 🔊**Sybil MacBeth (bio 2-15)**

Praying in Color is an active, meditative and playful prayer practice that uses pen, markers and doodles to create an entrance into stillness and listening. Participants will learn this versatile practice through an intercessory prayer exercise and an introduction to *lectio divina*. If you have a short attention span and a restless body OR would like to talk to God without words OR are just looking for a new way to let God in, come experience Praying in Color. Absolutely no artistic ability is necessary! Bring a black pen, colored pencils or markers, paper and a hard surface to draw on.

**6-06 1, 2, 3 ... GOD LOVES ME! SINGING AND CELEBRATING WITH CHILDREN** 🔊

Music and movement are such natural ways for 5- to 8-year-old children to joyfully learn about and celebrate their faith. Bring your voice and re-discover your "inner child" as Michael Mangan introduces a collection of exciting new songs that will have children enthusiastically singing in religious education classes and liturgical celebrations throughout the Church year. Themes include God, Scripture, Church, creation, praise, thanks, belonging, prayer and family.

**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. Michael 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.*

## 6-07 THE PASCHAL MYSTERY IN DAILY LIFE ☪

The Paschal Mystery of Christ's death and Resurrection is meant to be the pattern of our spirituality and our daily living. Thus, as St. Paul instructs us, "you must consider yourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:11). Similarly, in the Memorial Acclamation of the Eucharist, we proclaim, "Save us, Savior of the world, for by your cross and Resurrection, you have set us free" (option C). This presentation will reflect on some of the ways the Eucharist can transform our daily lives and enable us to live more fully the Paschal Mystery we celebrate.



**Dr. Timothy Matovina**

*Dr. Timothy Matovina is Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, where he is also Executive Director of the Institute for Latino Studies. He has offered presentations and workshops on U.S. Catholicism and various theological topics for dioceses, pastoral institutes and ministry formation programs throughout the United States. Dr. Matovina is a frequent and popular speaker at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. His latest publications include "Latino Catholicism: Transformation in America's Largest Church."*

## 6-08 THREE JEWISH SPIRITUAL HEROES: MOSES, DAVID, JESUS ☪

Moses, David and Jesus – three very different scriptural and historical figures – present similar and different models of Jewish spiritual heroism. In their own ways, they are courageous, humble and imbued with faith. Each is an example to all of us of how we can achieve our own spiritual heroism.



**Rabbi Michael Mayersohn**

*Speaker and teacher, Michael Mayersohn is a Reform Rabbi who is committed to interfaith cooperation and learning. He teaches Bible, both Hebrew and New Testament, teaching Christians the Jewish background and context of the life and ministry of Jesus. Since 2003 Rabbi Mayersohn has spoken at over 20 churches in Southern California and Arizona. He has presented at several Religious Education Congresses and is author of the book "Are We Sinners?"*

## 6-09 ARE YOU CERTIFIABLE? EXPLORING NATIONAL LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY CERTIFICATION: THE OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES ☪

Why would a Lay Ecclesial Minister (LEM) seek national certification? How does it benefit the LEM, their local faith community, and the larger Church? These are two important questions that will be answered in this workshop, as well as what qualifications are required and how to apply. Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale will help those attending explore the benefits and challenges of national certification, as well as review the various elements of the national process. Additionally, those present will have the opportunity to evaluate their readiness as well as interest in national certification.



**Charlotte McCorquodale, PhD**

*Originally from Lake Charles, La., Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale is currently President of Ministry Training Source, based in Louisiana. Her professional career in Catholic youth ministry and lay ecclesial ministry spans three decades serving in parish, school, diocesan and university ministry settings. McCorquodale serves as an international educator, researcher and consultant for the fields of lay ecclesial ministry, certification standards and processes, youth ministry and e-learning.*

## 6-10 INSPIRING YOUTH TO MISSION AND SOLIDARITY ☪

In his 2013 World Youth Day homily, Pope Francis reminded the young Church that "Jesus is calling you to be a disciple with a mission. ... Go, do not be afraid, and serve." Indeed, youth all over the world embrace this call as evidenced in their creative witness to love, service, peace and solidarity. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) invites you to a panel presentation and discussion designed to inspire. Discover how young people all over the world are setting the world afire through their transforming service. Explore models and resources for inviting young people to a faith life rooted in the Gospel, charged with a vision of solidarity and mission, and leading to deeper engagement with the world.



**Ted Miles**

*Ted Miles, a native of Baltimore, has worked for CRS since 2005 as the Relationship Manager for Religious Education and Coordinator of CRS' Youth Outreach in the United States. Prior to joining CRS, Miles served in parish youth ministry and Catholic high school education for over 25 years, including development of an immersion experience for youth of the Baltimore Archdiocese. In 2009, he received the award for leadership in youth ministry from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.*



**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.*



**Juan Carlos Montenegro**

*Juan Carlos Montenegro is Youth Ministry and Volunteer Coordinator for the Salesians of Don Bosco in Bellflower, Calif. He has devoted his life to working with youth, as a missionary in the middle of the Amazon rainforest and as a speaker at several international conferences. "JC," as he is known to youth, has 17 years of youth ministry experience and has written three books; his latest publication, "Intentionally Catechist," has been reproduced in Peru and Ecuador.*

**6-11 WHAT IS HOPE BUT COURAGE WILLED AND SHARED!** 🗣️**Dr. Megan McKenna (bio 3-16)**

We are told by Jesus: Do not be afraid! We are to live in the light, live in hope, standing with the Son of Man, and together be a blessing upon all and upon the earth. Where we stand, how we stand and with whom we stand is the stance of hope. How we share each other's burdens reveals the depth of our hope. Come, dream visions of such clear light.

**6-12 "FOR YOU WERE ONCE ALIENS!" (EX. 22:20): THE BIBLE ON IMMIGRANTS** 🗣️**Fr. J. Patrick Mullen, PhD (bio 2-16)**

America, once a land of opportunity welcoming the "huddled masses yearning to breathe free," has reconsidered itself as a place of open immigration ... but not without controversy. Good people line up on both sides of this hot topic. This workshop will investigate the biblical starting points and values, expanding the conversation beyond economic and legal considerations, to a Divine perspective on the outsider and the undocumented. Bring your Bible.

**6-13 HOLD EACH OTHER – FOR GOD'S SAKE: AN AFFIRMATION OF THE GIFT OF SEXUALITY** 🗣️

Just before he died, Jesus said, "Into your hands I commend my spirit." Another way to hear that: "Daddy, please hold me." This plea, this need, this impulse, to hold and be held is at the core of sexuality. Jesus was good at this, good at sexuality. And like in all things, he invites us into this mystery with him, in the hope that, through the good use of this God-given gift of sexuality, all human beings might live more abundantly, more freely. This workshop will challenge you to be held when needed and to hold each other better.

**Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson**

A self-described "street theologian" who uses storytelling, poetry and humor, Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson is author and leader of the *Beloved Retreat* experience. He holds the position of Resident Theologian and Animator of Faith at Old St. Patrick's Church in downtown Chicago. Dr. Nelson-Johnson also founded and is Animating and Creative Partner of *Soul Play*, based in Evanston, Ill., and has a two-volume audio CD set entitled "Soul Playdates." His talks take him into Canada and across the United States.

**6-14 T.H.I.N.K.: FIVE WAYS TO DEAL WITH THE MEDIA IN YOUR (CHILD'S) LIFE** 🗣️

Entertainment media and consumerism are everywhere today. Advertising wants to sell us "family" values that have nothing to do with the Gospel. We wonder if media – from the movies to the news – is trying to inform us or entertain us. Violence as a way to solve problems is the dominant theme. Sr. Rose Pacatte will use T.H.I.N.K. as a framework that catechists and parents can use with students to engage popular culture through the lens of faith.

**Sr. Rose Pacatte, FSP**

Sr. Rose Pacatte, a Daughter of St. Paul, is Director of the Pauline Center for Media Studies in Culver City, Calif. She is an award-winning film columnist for *St. Anthony Messenger* and the *National Catholic Reporter*. Her online show "The INNdustry with Sr. Rose" is a production of the Ignatian News Network and she reviews movies for kids for RCL Benziger. The media literacy education specialist has presented at the "Roots & Wings" Religious Education Conference in Durban, South Africa, and is a frequent presenter at the L.A. Congress.

**6-15 CATHOLIC TEACHING AND THE REALITIES OF THE AMERICAN DEATH PENALTY** 🗣️**Dale Recinella, JD & Dr. Susan Recinella (bios 2-20)**

Dale Recinella, Catholic Correctional Chaplain for Florida's death row, and Dr. Susan Recinella, clinical psychologist and volunteer lay minister for families of the condemned during executions and for families of murder victims in non-death penalty cases, present the realities of the American death penalty from the standpoint of Catholic teaching and explore the erroneous Scriptural support that is claimed by many pro-death-penalty Christians.

**6-16 POPE FRANCIS: WHAT DOES HE MEAN FOR THE CHURCH?**

Pope Francis has been a happy surprise for most Catholics. What will his papacy mean for the church? What are his views on the important issues facing the church? Where does he want to lead the church? Will he be a reforming pope? Will he make a difference?

**Thomas J. Reese, SJ**

Jesuit priest Fr. Thomas Reese is a senior analyst at the *National Catholic Reporter*. From 2006-13 he was Senior Fellow at the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University, where he focused on religion and public policy. From 1998-2005, he was Editor in Chief of *America* magazine. Among Fr. Reese's books is "Inside the Vatican: The Politics and Organization of the Catholic Church." He has presented numerous parish and university talks across the country, and is often quoted in the press and frequently appears on television and radio on Catholic issues.

**6-17 SIGNS OF GOD'S GRACE: THE SACRAMENTS** 🗣️**Thomas J. Scirghi, SJ, ThD (bio 1-18)**

Our sacramental celebration is "primary theology," for it is in church that we receive our first lesson in the study of God. The Christian sacraments are rooted in the teaching and ministry of Jesus Christ. This session will explore the origin of the sacraments through their scriptural foundation and their development through the history of the church. We will also explore the rituals of the church, for sacraments are designed to be celebrated.

## 6-18 THE PASTORAL COUNCIL: BUILDING A LIVING, HOPE-FILLED COMMUNITY, NOT A CORPORATE BODY OF MANAGEMENT ☪

Bro. Loughlan Sofield (bio 2-22)

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops describes the purpose of the pastoral council: “to build the parish as a living Christian community.” This workshop will explore ways to structure the council in such a way that it helps to build a parish that is hope-filled, life-filled and life-giving. The material presented is based on Bro. Loughlan Sofield’s experience of working with councils on a number of different continents.

## 6-19 HAPPINESS, SUFFERING AND THE LOVE OF GOD: WHY WOULD AN ALL-LOVING GOD ALLOW SUFFERING? ☪

Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, SJ, PhD (bio 3-25)

One of the most difficult intellectual challenges Catholics must face today is why an all-loving God would allow suffering. Inability to explain suffering not only leads to unbelief, but wasted pain and an embittered spirit. Fr. Robert Spitzer will discuss a proven, four-step method for helping people in our schools, colleges and parishes to resolve this quandary properly: 1) developing a contributive and transcendent view of happiness and purpose in life; 2) presenting evidence of a soul and eternal life; 3) explaining why God would allow people and nature to cause suffering; and 4) showing how we can suffer well – with deep benefit toward an eternal life of unconditional love with the Lord.

## 6-20 THE ABCs OF FAITH FORMATION WITH YOUTH ☪

When we gather young people together, are we playing games, hoping to survive, or intentionally forming disciples? What’s the secret to staying faithful to our catechetical calling of echoing the faith while leading teens down the road of discipleship? Come and (actively) learn the ABCs of faith formation designed to help you engage young people’s heads, hearts and hands.



Michael Theisen

*Michael Theisen has been involved in youth ministry and adolescent catechesis for 30 years, authoring more than 15 books and numerous articles. His experience extends from parish to diocesan and national levels, and is a frequent speaker and trainer throughout the United States. Theisen is Director of Membership Services for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry in Washington, D.C., and is extensively involved in two national initiatives: the Partnership for Adolescent Catechesis; and Strong Catholic Families: Strong Catholic Youth.*

## 6-21 SACRAMENTS FOR OLDER CHILDREN: PRACTICAL IDEAS TO ADDRESS THE NEED ☪

There are many children in our parishes who have reached the age of reason (7 years or older) without receiving one or all of their primary sacraments. For some,

it may be appropriate to start an RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process adapted for children. For the other children who have already been baptized and need First Eucharist and Reconciliation, we have to design a catch-up process. The goal of this workshop is to provide helpful ideas and practical ways to address that need. The importance of bringing parents into the process in an intentional manner will also be discussed.



Victor Valenzuela

*Victor Valenzuela is a National Religion Consultant for Bilingual Resources for William H. Sadlier, Inc. He has presented workshops to numerous groups both regionally and nationally. He has been in ministry for 20 years including classroom teaching, youth ministry, teacher training, and writing and development of new materials. Born in Arizona to parents of Mexican descent and fully bilingual and bicultural, he has lived most of his life in the Bay Area and currently resides in Alameda, Calif.*

## 6-22 HIV PREVENTION BASED ON THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON: EFFECTIVE AND FAITHFUL RESPONSES ☪

Msgr. Robert J. Vitillo (bio 1-22)

The Catholic Church is often scapegoated, by media and by public health officials, as an obstacle to effective HIV prevention. This workshop will examine scientific facts and strategies as well as Church teachings on HIV prevention. Examples of successful prevention efforts undertaken by Catholic Church-inspired organizations will be presented, including those that promote risk-avoidance rather than mere risk-reduction behavior changes and other holistic interventions that are respectful of the dignity of the human person.

## 6-23 SETTING YOUR CHOIR ON FIRE! ☪

Christopher Walker (bio 1-23)

The liturgical choir is one of God’s secret weapons that can inspire a dull liturgy and a listless assembly! We will explore ways the choir can itself be energized to minister more effectively. Come ready to sing!

## 6-24 PARENTING TEENS & SURVIVING WITH GRACE! ☪

Char Wenc, MEd (bio 1-24)

Our job as parents is indeed challenging at times. It is difficult to be consistent in our decisions. However, it is one of the greatest gifts we give our teens. If we are “wishy-washy,” we give our teens no foundation upon which to make their decisions. Our limits give our children the security and boundaries that they so need in this world! In this workshop, Char Wenc will give a wide range of techniques and skills to say “NO” with respect and love. It takes courage. This session is high energy, humorous and practical. Its goal is to empower and encourage parents through their parenting of a teens’ journey.

**CONGRESS TRIVIA:**

Each year, there is a Congress theme and song. Congress 2013's theme song for was "Enter the Mystery" by Curtis Stephan. Since 2004, Youth Day has also had its own theme and song. Last year's Youth Day theme song was "Your Love," written and performed by The Jacob and Matthew Band.

**6-25 FANNING A SMALL FLAME INTO A MIGHTY FIRE** 🔊

Sometimes our hope and enthusiasm can be smothered by anxiety and tiredness. Unintentionally and unconsciously, we lose hope and replace our confidence with self-doubt. In a recent synod in Rome, the bishops called for a New Evangelization, an experience they say that must begin with us, a sometimes "weary" Church. Is it time to fan the flame we carry into a new fire, a fire the world will recognize? Like St. Paul challenging Timothy, it may be that we too are entering a new era, a season to "fan into flame the gifts God has given us." In this session, we will explore how a New Evangelization will help us to invigorate our Catholic confidence and renew our hope for a world afire.

**David Wells**

David Wells began his career as a teacher before becoming a research assistant for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Since then, his work has taken him all over the world, and especially to Canada where he has appeared on national television. He presently serves as Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of Plymouth, in the south of England. Wells has spoken at more than 350 conferences worldwide, in Europe and North America, and he has guest lectured in three English universities. This is his 14th appearance at the Los Angeles Congress.

**6-26 ENKINDLE THE LIGHT OF HOPE THROUGH DANCE** 🔊

If we "learn to live by practicing living," then come practice movements in dance that will help exercise our social justice, equity and peace. The principles are the same. With an eye toward realizing a world that embraces the spiritual and social challenges of the Gospel message, experience the power of prayerful movement and sacred dance. This interactive workshop will be led by John West, Artistic Director of the Valyermo Dancers.

**John West, OBl OSB, MEd, MA**

John West is Headmaster for the Mirman School for the Gifted in Los Angeles and serves as an Educational Consultant for independent schools and schools for the gifted. This oblate of St. Andrew's Abbey in Valyermo, Calif., is an international and national workshop leader/lecturer in medieval and sacred dance. West's experience with the Religious Education Congress began in 1970; since 1991, he has served on the Congress Liturgy Committee. He is also a member of the North American Academy of Liturgy.

**6-27 ATTENTION, PLEASE! USING THE DIVINE PEDAGOGY TO HELP CHILDREN FOCUS AND ENGAGE IN THEIR FAITH** 🔊

In the midst of our culture of distractions, God is continually inviting us into a relationship with him. By reflecting on the divine pedagogy (the way God teaches us), we can gain insights about how to craft our catechesis in ways that meet the attentional and spiritual needs of children today. This workshop, facilitated by child psychologist and catechetical author Dr. Joseph White, will provide practical steps for making our catechesis more attention-grabbing, formative and fun.

**Dr. Joseph D. White**

Based in Austin, Texas, Dr. Joseph White is a clinical child psychologist and National Catechetical Consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Publishing and Curriculum. He has taught courses in catechetics and pastoral guidance at the University of Dallas and at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. Dr. White is a popular workshop presenter at national and diocesan conferences, a frequent guest on national Catholic radio shows and maintains a blog on catechesis.

**6-70 Thử chia sẻ một lớp cho giới trẻ về các câu hỏi nóng bỏng liên quan đến luân lý sự sống - "Bioethics"** 🔊**Frère Fortunat Phong, FSC (buhay 3-70)**

Chúng ta sẽ cùng nhau thử tìm cách chia sẻ với giới trẻ cái nhìn đầy thương yêu và kính trọng của Giáo Hội về luân lý sự sống, các vấn nạn mà các bạn bè hay chính các em đang thắc mắc, như việc ngừa thai, phá thai, giúp thụ thai, dùng thai nhi để thử nghiệm, chọn lựa phả tính, hay trợ giúp kết thúc cuộc đời.

**TEACHING YOUNG PEOPLE THE BURNING QUESTION CONCERNING MORAL LIFE: "BIO-ETHICS"** 🔊**Bro. Fortunat Phong, FSC (bio 3-70)**

In this workshop, we will share with youth the loving and caring teaching of the Church concerning some keys to bioethics, including abortion, prenatal screening, assisted reproductive technology, embryo research, and end-of-life issues. (Session presented in Vietnamese.)

