

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**7:15 am** Morning Rosary  
(Convention 303)

**8:00 - 11:00 am** On-site registration &  
Program Book Pick-up  
(Prefunction Lobby)

**8:00 - 9:30 am** Eucharistic Liturgy  
(Arena)

**10:00 - 11:30 am** Period 7 Workshops

**11:30 am - 1:00 pm** LUNCH

**11:45 am - 12:30 pm** Music (Arena)  
– Jesse Manibusan & Sarah Hart  
Music (Hall B)  
– Rafael Moreno

**1:00 - 2:30 pm** Period 8 Workshops

**3:30 pm** Liturgy (Arena)  
Closing Eucharistic Liturgy

**Registration & Program Book  
Pick-Up** 8:00 - 11:00 am  
(Prefunction Lobby)

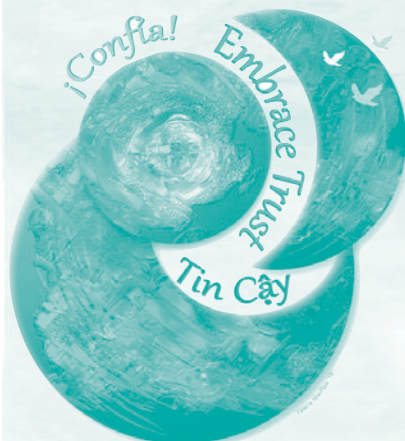
**Exhibit Hours** 8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
(Hall A)

**Sacred Space** 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
(Convention 304)

**Speaker Signings** 9:30 am - 3:00 pm  
(Northwest side, Hall A)

**Massage Chairs**  
(Prefunction Lobby Hall A)

**A.A. Meeting**  
Noon (Marriott) San Diego



## MORNING ROSARY

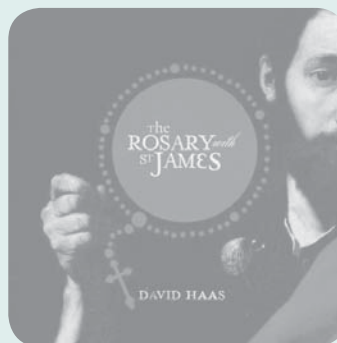
Convention 303 – 7:15 am

*“The Rosary with St. James”*



Haas

For you early risers, come and begin the final day of Congress 2017 by gathering together to pray the rosary with David Haas with a new freshness – this beloved prayer will be weaved together with song, passages from the Letter of James, and wisdom from prophets and heroes like Blessed Oscar Romero, Dorothy Day, Henri Nouwen, Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger, and other prophetic voices. Come and pray with us.



## SUNDAY MORNING LITURGY

Arena – 8:00 am

As we welcome a new day, we share the opportunity to gather as a community of faith to give praise and thanks. Bishop Kevin Vann of the Diocese of Orange, Calif., will preside at the morning Eucharistic Liturgy. Nourished by Word and sacrament, may we go forth, recognizing God’s *Embrace Trust* all around us.



Vann

## SUNDAY LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

### ARENA:

#### JESSE MANIBUSAN & SARAH HART



Manibusan



Hart

OCP artists, songwriters and storytellers Sarah Hart and Jesse Manibusan team up to share stories and songs, both new and old, for Sunday lunchtime entertainment. Come experience the joy of these two friends, and sing along!

### HALL B:

#### RAFAEL MORENO



Moreno

*“Praise the Lord at all times!”*  
/ *“Alaben al Señor en todo tiempo!”*

We invite you to find God, our Lord, through singing; praise him, bless him, thank him and receive the peace and joy that only he can give us.”

*Te invitamos a encontrarte con Dios nuestro Señor por medio del canto; alabarle, bendecirle, darle gracias y recibir la paz y la alegría que sólo Él nos puede dar.*

## CLOSING LITURGY

Arena – 3:30 pm

### ARCHBISHOP JOSÉ GÓMEZ, PRESIDER

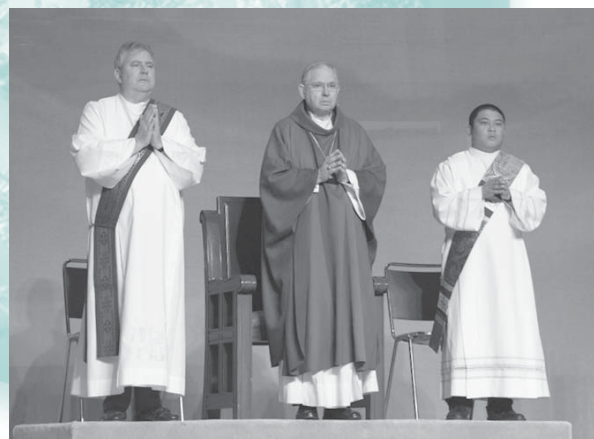


Gomez



Flaherty

As our Religious Education Congress 2017 comes to a close, we gather to pray, to celebrate and to give thanks for the blessings of the weekend. May we go forth to *Embrace Trust* at all times – in joy, in pain and in struggle. Our Closing Liturgy, with Los Angeles Archbishop Gomez, features the 200-plus voice Congress Choir 2017, under the musical direction of John Flaherty.



## PERIOD 7 – 10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 7-01** *All Things Catholic: What's Hot and What's Not in the Global Church* (\*) - **John Allen Jr.**
- 7-02** I Will Lift My Eyes: Embracing Trust Through Song - **Tony Alonso**
- 7-03** From Saint Peter to Pope Francis: How the First Pope Inspires Our Current Pope (\*) - **Stephen Binz**
- 7-04** How Do We Know What We Know About St. Paul and His Letters? (\*) - **Fr. William Burton**
- 7-05** Thank You, God! (\*) - **Andrew Chinn**
- 7-06** The Questions That Deepen Our Faith - **Fr. Dave Dwyer**
- 7-07** The New Evangelization: Trust the Holy Spirit for the Holy Results (\*) - **Msgr. Raymond East**
- 7-08** Eucharistic Adoration: A Communal Invitation to Mission (\*) - **Fr. Edward Foley & Lorraine Hess**
- 7-09** Lord, I Love 'em, but They're Driving Me Nuts! (\*) - **Steven Ellair**
- 7-10** Sacraments and Snapchat (\*) - **Fr. Rob Galea**
- 7-11** *Laudato Si* and Liturgical Catechesis: Praying and Singing for Our Common Home (\*) - **Bob Hurd**
- 7-12** Enhancing Our Creativity: Lessons from Neuroscience and Spirituality (\*) - **Anne Kertz Kernion**
- 7-13** Expressions of Catholic Life in a Global Church (\*) - **Thomas Landy**
- 7-14** Job, Career or Calling? A Spirituality of Work for Today (\*) - **Douglas Leal**
- 7-15** What Does It All Mean? A Guide to Being More Faithful, Hopeful and Loving - **Fr. Richard Leonard**
- 7-16** Encountering Christ in Lay Preaching (\*) - **Dr. Josephine Lombardi**
- 7-17** Living Liturgically: Becoming Stewards of the Mysteries in a Search-Engine World (\*) - **Diana Macalintal**
- 7-18** Sing Justice, Live Justice – Liturgical Song Inspiring Social Action (\*) - **Michael Mangan**
- 7-19** Being a Merciful Church ... to, with, for, and by Young People (\*) - **Robert McCarty**
- 7-20** Digital Media and Ministry: New Tools for Sharing Faith (\*) - **Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale**
- 7-21** Parables of Jesus and Disney: Embracing Justice from Dory to Moana (\*) - **Fr. Chris Ponnet**
- 7-22** Pope Francis' Message of Faith, Love, Humility and Mercy: Does It Really Matter? (\*) - **Mark Shriver**
- 7-23** Tell Me Why? – Understanding What We Believe (\*) - **Fr. R. Tony Ricard**
- 7-24** Start Where They Are (And Other Secrets to Effectively Engage Families in Faith) (\*) - **Michael Theisen**
- 7-25** The Living Language of Christian Symbols (\*) - **Dr. Johan van Parys**
- 7-26** Father and Son, Daring to Embrace Trust (\*) - **David & Matthew Wells**
- 7-70** Vietnamese Workshop (“No One Can Serve Two Masters” - Mt. 6:24) (\*) - **Bishop Linh Chi Nguyen**

## PERIOD 8 – 1:00 - 2:30 PM

- 8-01** *Fear: The Enemy of Christian Discipleship* (\*) - **Rev. Daniel Horan**
- 8-02** Fig Tree Spirituality: Tilling the Soil with Seeds of Trust (\*) - **Dr. Mary Amore**
- 8-03** Healing the Wounded Heart (\*) - **Theresa Burke**
- 8-04** Teaching for Discipleship: The Call, the Challenge, the Difference (\*) - **Dr. Michael Carotta**
- 8-05** Mothers at the Foot of the Cross (\*) - **Rita Chairez & Amalia Molina**
- 8-06** The Art of Forgiveness - **Jeanne Cotter**
- 8-07** Praying St. Francis with the Body (\*) - **Roy DeLeon**
- 8-08** Justice, Mercy and Forgiveness: The Ways of God - **Dr. Greer Gordon**
- 8-09** The Glory of God: Man and Woman Fully Alive (\*) - **Sr. Miriam James Heidland**
- 8-10** Sisters: The Friendships of Women as Told in the Scriptures and Sacred Tradition (\*) - **Vallimar Jansen & Sarah Hart**
- 8-11** The Joy of the Eucharist (\*) - **Tom Kendzia**
- 8-12** Confirmation: Road to Discipleship or Confirmation? (\*) - **Jim Knowles**
- 8-13** When Justice and Peace Shall Kiss (\*) - **Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie**
- 8-14** Evangelizing to Families - **Fr. Ronald Nuzzi**
- 8-15** 12 Things We Need to Do NOW to Radically Change the Way We Do Faith Formation (\*) - **Joe Paprocki**
- 8-16** Married and Holy? (\*) - **Jo Ann Paradise**
- 8-17** The Mission-Driven Parish: Forming Missionary Disciples (\*) - **Sr. Theresa Rickard**
- 8-18** A Model for Progressive Solemnity in Hispanic Worship (\*) - **Pedro Rubalcava**
- 8-19** Volunteers: A New Approach to Getting Them, Keeping Them, Surviving Them (\*) - **Anna Scally**
- 8-20** Flamenco Theology: Reading Lamentations with Gypsy Tradition (\*) - **Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher**
- 8-21** “My Ears Had Heard of You But Now My Eyes Have Seen You” (Job 42:5) (\*) - **Sr. Maureen Sullivan**
- 8-22** Building a Culture of Encounter: Humanizing the Social Networks (\*) - **Bishop Paul Tighe**
- 8-23** Trust is the Key to Faithfulness (\*) - **Catherine “Cackie” Upchurch**
- 8-24** Inspiring Young People with Catholic Social Teaching (\*) - **Joan Weber**
- 8-25** Many Paths, One God (\*) - **C. Vanessa White**
- 8-70** Vietnamese Workshop (“Bone of My Bones and Flesh of My Flesh” - Gen. 2:23) (\*) - **Fr. Thinh Duc Pham**

🎧 and (\*) are recorded sessions. Arena sessions in color.



Dennis Doyle providing live music in Sacred Space.



## 7-01 ALL THINGS CATHOLIC: WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT IN THE GLOBAL CHURCH ARENA

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 Editor of Crux, an independent Catholic news site in partnership with the Knights of Columbus, and Senior Vatican Analyst for CNN. He previously served as both Associate Editor for the Boston Globe and Senior Correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter. Author of 10 best-selling books on the Vatican and Catholic affairs, Allen is also a nationally and internationally known speaker on the Vatican and Catholic affairs. He divides his time between Rome and his home in Denver.*

## 7-04 HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT ST. PAUL AND HIS LETTERS?

**Fr. William L. Burton, OFM (bio 3-06)**

Paul is notoriously difficult to understand and is even more difficult to teach. The first difficulty is that we have confusing, and occasionally, contradictory information about Paul in our sources. To assess these sources (Paul's own letters and Acts), we will compare and contrast both sources. Then we will look at the earliest history of the church after Jesus' Ascension to help us understand both what Paul tells us in his letters and what Acts tells us about Paul. There we will see how the stresses within the early Church about Gentile converts profoundly shaped both Paul and Acts.

## 7-05 THANK YOU, GOD!

**Andrew Chinn (bio 2-07)**

This is a workshop aimed at those who teach early childhood students. Those of us who work with young children just know how important music is to them. But exactly why is this so? How does music move the heart, engage us in our faith, guide us in prayer and create bonds from one to another? Join Australian composer and experienced early childhood teacher Andrew Chinn as we discover the power of music to "let the children come unto me." Leave with a deeper understanding of the power of music in your Religious Education classroom and a rich range of songs and strategies to engage the hearts of those you teach.

## 7-02 I WILL LIFT MY EYES: EMBRACING TRUST THROUGH SONG

Music gives us a vocabulary to cry out to God in all the colors of life. This workshop will inspire reflection on ways in which music-making inside and outside of liturgy helps us *embrace trust* in our daily lives.



**Tony Alonso**

*Tony Alonso is one of the most prominent voices in contemporary liturgical music. His latest release is "A House of Prayer" with GIA Publications. He presents at workshops and conferences across North America and Europe. Alonso formerly served as Director of Music at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and at St. Nicholas Church in Evanston, Ill. An emerging theologian, he is currently a doctoral candidate at Emory University in Atlanta.*

## 7-06 THE QUESTIONS THAT DEEPEN OUR FAITH

Each weekday on "The Busted Halo Show" on SiriusXM radio, Fr. Dave Dwyer tackles questions from people of varied experiences of religious faith, from the most devout to those with barely any faith connection. He has come to believe that inviting questions is an important form of evangelization. In this interactive workshop, Fr. Dwyer will recount some of the most common questions he has answered and allow time for you to ask your own.

## 7-03 FROM SAINT PETER TO POPE FRANCIS: HOW THE FIRST POPE INSPIRES OUR CURRENT POPE

**Stephen J. Binz (bio 6-03)**

The way Peter the Apostle is presented in the four Gospels, in the Acts of the Apostles and in his two Letters inspires a vision for leadership in the church. Pope Francis has taken up the legacy of Peter and has called the church to be renewed. This workshop will focus on five attributes of the church, learned by Peter and embraced by Francis today as he serves the church from Peter's chair: 1) a church that is not afraid to be bold; 2) a church that takes up the cross; 3) a church that embraces mercy; 4) a church that welcomes all; 5) a church of missionary disciples.



**Fr. David Dwyer, CSP**

*Paulist priest Fr. Dave Dwyer is Director of Busted Halo Ministries, publisher of Busted-Halo.com and YoungAdultMinistryInaBox.com, and host of the "Sacraments 101" videos and of the daily program "The Busted Halo Show" on SiriusXM radio. Fr. Dwyer has appeared on CNN, Fox News and NBC News as well as "Entertainment Tonight" and "The Daily Show." The former campus minister at the universities of Colorado and Texas has been a major keynote speaker at Catholic events for the past 10 years.*

**7-07 THE NEW EVANGELIZATION: TRUST THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE HOLY RESULTS** 🔊

Evangelization, old or new, is always the work of the Holy Spirit. As we *embrace trust*, how can we rely on the same Holy Spirit at work in the Old and New Testaments? Starting with the Bible, let's journey into the "New Testament" and share the testimonies coming from our own families, parishes, schools, neighborhoods and dioceses. A special focus will include Spirit-filled community organizing, racial reconciliation and prison ministry.



**Msgr. Raymond G. East**

*Msgr. Ray East, a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., served in six local parishes before being named Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Church. The grandson of Baptist Missionaries to South Africa, Msgr. East was born in Newark, N.J., and raised in San Diego, Calif. He is former Director of the Office of Black Catholics and Vicar for Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. Msgr. East is a regular and popular speaker at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress and continues to present workshops, facilitations and keynote addresses at major national events.*

**7-08 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: A COMMUNAL INVITATION TO MISSION** 🔊

Eucharistic adoration is a traditional Roman Catholic devotion. Vatican II's emphasis on the ecclesial and missional nature of all worship invites us to reimagine a reformed version of adoration. This workshop will offer historical, theological, liturgical and music suggestions for communities who wish to shape vibrant experiences of adoration that will nourish a truly eucharistic vision of Church.



**Fr. Edward Foley, OFM Cap**

*Fr. Edward Foley, a member of the Province of St. Joseph of the Capuchin Order, is the Duns Scotus Professor of Spirituality and Professor of Liturgy and Music at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He has authored 19 books and over 300 scholarly and pastoral articles and reviews. Fr. Foley is a founder and originating member of the Executive Committee of the Catholic Academy of Liturgy. He sits on the Executive Committee of the International Academy of Practical Theology.*



**Lorraine Hess**

*New Orleans native, Lorraine Hess is a singer, songwriter and recording artist with World Library Publications. She has 30 years of experience in music ministry and has a solo CD, "As I Pray," as well as a series of compilation sound recordings titled "More Voices as One." Hess is Music Ministry Director at Divine Mercy Parish in Kenner, La., and travels to present concerts, parish missions and retreats. She is near completion of her Master's degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University New Orleans.*

**2016** Several of the performing artists who appear at Congress have scheduled time at the new Performance Stage in Hall A.

The stage, begun at Congress 2016, shows 20-minute sets of live music and is located in the southeast area of Exhibit Hall A.



**7-09 LORD, I LOVE 'EM, BUT THEY'RE DRIVING ME NUTS!** 🔊

**Steven Ellair (bio 3-10)**

This lively and practical workshop will explore effective ways to handle classroom discipline and reveal successful behavior-management tricks and tips. Focus will be on preventative measures and positive solutions. If you've ever had "one of those days" with student behavior in your ministry, then this workshop is for you!

**7-10 SACRAMENTS AND SNAPCHAT** 🔊

**Fr. Rob Galea (bio 2-14)**

"Father, will you hear my confession over Snapchat?" I get asked this question time and time again. With much of the world spending more time in front of their screens, Fr. Rob Galea will attempt to give answer to this question. In this workshop, you will receive a deeper understanding of the sacraments and how they become a powerful means of grace.

**7-11 LAUDATO SÍ AND LITURGICAL CATECHESIS: PRAYING & SINGING FOR OUR COMMON HOME** 🔊

In Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical, does his call to "hear both the cry of earth and the cry of the poor" have relevance to the liturgy? Our relation to creation is just as central to the Gospel and the Eucharist as our relation to our neighbor. Bob Hurd will explore the main lines of the encyclical, showing how preaching and music ministry can help worshipers to form awareness and appreciation of ecological spirituality and justice.



**Bob Hurd**

*Author and composer Bob Hurd has taught for 39 years at the college and graduate level in the California institutions of Loyola Marymount University, the Franciscan School of Theology, St. Patrick's Seminary, and Santa Clara University. Over the same period, he continued as a liturgical composer and workshop presenter. His widely used liturgical music is featured in numerous hymnals in the United States, Canada, Great Britain and Australia. In 2010, Hurd was honored with the Pastoral Musician of the Year award from the National Association of Pastoral Musicians.*

Workshops



**1996**

The first Congress Chat was a (typing) chat held on Friday, February 23 in 1996 on CompuServe with Cardinal Roger Mahony. Since then, the Cardinal participated in 22 Congress chats (both nationwide and with schools) over 14 years.

Archbishop José Gomez has continued the tradition of (now, video) chats with school students from the Archdiocese. This will be his seventh Congress chat from Hall A.



## 7-14 JOB, CAREER OR CALLING? A SPIRITUALITY OF WORK FOR TODAY

Douglas Leal (bio 3-14)

Work might be the defining characteristic of adulthood. After all, we will spend more of our adult lives working than any other activity. But work is changing rapidly in today's "disrupter" economy. We may have multiple careers and many different employers in our working lifetime. Is it time for a new theology and spirituality of work? How do we help young adults or those seeking a career change find their calling? How do we help all adults – and ourselves – find meaning and purpose in work? We'll draw upon Scripture, spiritual writers and Catholic social teaching to explore a spirituality of work to offer some practical ways to integrate work life with faith life.

## 7-15 WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN? A GUIDE TO BEING MORE FAITHFUL, HOPEFUL AND LOVING

Rev. Richard Leonard, SJ (bio 3-15)

If we are going to trust in God's love, it means we cannot shy away from the biggest challenges to faith inside and outside of the Church. This workshop outlines a contemporary and accessible response to the issues that confront – and sometimes confound – believers today.

## 7-16 ENCOUNTERING CHRIST IN LAY PREACHING

Josephine Lombardi, PhD (bio 5-19)

The Church allows for lay preaching in certain contexts. However, formation for these lay ministers in the area of preaching is a must. Even our U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops offers an instruction on lay preaching. This workshop is designed to give an introduction to the when, where and how of lay preaching. It will provide a brief overview of the legalities associated with lay preaching and a model for planning and facilitating a preached reflection for retreats, prayer services, parish missions and other opportunities for lay preachers. Dr. Josephine Lombardi will conclude with a demonstration using a model she has designed for lay preachers.

## 7-17 LIVING LITURGICALLY: BECOMING STEWARDS OF THE MYSTERIES IN A SEARCH-ENGINE WORLD

Diana Macalintal (bio 4-13)

Some try to make Mass more meaningful by explaining it. That's easy when you can Google it, download it and put it on a PowerPoint. But catechists and liturgists do more than give information: We open hearts to Christ. To do this we need to be stewards of these mysteries, seeing life through a deep religious imagination. Through prayer, song, ritual and story, we'll explore eight disciplines for expanding our symbolic vision so we can engage the disengaged at Sunday Mass, attract the uninterested to our best-kept secrets, and rekindle our own appreciation for the Mysteries of God.

## 7-12 ENHANCING OUR CREATIVITY: LESSONS FROM NEUROSCIENCE & SPIRITUALITY

Pope Francis has proclaimed: "A spark of divine light is within each of us." How can we nurture that spark to bring more love, compassion and energy to our work, our families, our communities? Creativity is the fuel that allows us to more thoughtfully tend to the needs of others. The question is not "Are you creative?" but "How are you creative?" Come explore current neuroscience research and spiritual practices that offer specific ways to inspire our creative souls, ignite our passion and enhance the Divine Light in our world.



Anne Kertz Kernion

Based in Pittsburgh, Anne Kertz Kernion is owner and artist of *Cards by Anne*, which is sold online and in stores across the United States and abroad. She has taught theology at Carlow University in Pittsburgh for over a decade and chemistry and religion courses at the nearby Community College of Allegheny County. Kertz is also a public speaker, gives retreats and teaches yoga. Her latest book is entitled, "A Year of Spiritual Companionship."

## 7-13 EXPRESSIONS OF CATHOLIC LIFE IN A GLOBAL CHURCH

Thomas M. Landy (bio 4-12)

American Catholics comprise just 7 percent of all Catholics in the world. Sociologist Tom Landy, founder of the new website Catholics & Cultures, illustrates surprising aspects of Catholic life, including charismatic Catholicism and popular devotions in countries as diverse as Uganda, Argentina, Norway, Israel, China and the Philippines. This multimedia session will provide examples of the vitality of Catholic life around the world, and show how Americans can better assess their own situations. Participants will leave with resources and discussion ideas to bring back to their parishes about how culture is shaped by Catholic experience around the world.

**7-18 SING JUSTICE, LIVE JUSTICE – LITURGICAL SONG INSPIRING SOCIAL ACTION** 🔊

“Inspired by sung participation, [the church] goes forth to spread the Gospel with full force and compassion” (no. 9), states the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ document “Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship.” Liturgical song can be a powerful way to awaken, inspire and motivate our parishes and schools to actively live core Gospel values. Join Michael Mangan as he shares an engaging repertoire that highlights justice as well as the common that can send our liturgical assemblies out to “announce the Gospel” through our everyday lives.



**Michael Mangan**

*Michael Mangan is a composer, educator and music liturgist from Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. The former elementary school specialist music teacher has over 250 compositions that are used in parishes and schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Mangan is President of the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network, a member of the Australian Academy of Liturgy, and is Music Director at All Saints Catholic Parish in Brisbane. His latest music collection is entitled “Let the Children Come.”*

**7-21 PARABLES OF JESUS AND DISNEY: EMBRACING JUSTICE FROM DORY TO MOANA** 🔊

The biblical parables of Jesus and the Disney parables, including films “Finding Dory” and “Moana,” teach values of life, peace and justice. This session will use Jesus’ parables along with clips from various Disney movies as a model for spiritual living and justice practice. Join the conversation, as teacher, parish new evangelist or person in the pews. Parables can be fun and reflective as well as models for living the justice and consistent life ethics of our Catholic Church. Join us for singing, fun and spiritual renewal.



**Fr. Chris Ponnet**

*Los Angeles-native Fr. Chris Ponnet was ordained for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in 1983. Since then, he has served as Director for the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry. He also serves as Pastor at St. Camillus Center for Spiritual Care in Los Angeles. Fr. Ponnet has spoken at the RECongress and at the archdiocesan regional congresses for many years and has made presentations at Pax Christi Peace and Justice conferences and at local congregations and meetings around the county.*

**7-19 BEING A MERCIFUL CHURCH ... TO, WITH, FOR, AND BY YOUNG PEOPLE** 🔊

**Robert J. McCarty, DMin (bio 6-17)**

The Year of Mercy can never be over! We are challenged continually – to proclaim the Good News of mercy and compassion, but mercy is counter-cultural. Our young people are immersed in all the prolife issues from abortion to the death penalty, from immigration to health-care. We must connect the personal and communal dimensions of mercy with youth so they can rightfully live as ambassadors of mercy.

**7-20 DIGITAL MEDIA AND MINISTRY: NEW TOOLS FOR SHARING FAITH** 🔊

**Charlotte McCorquodale (bio 4-15)**

Today our lives are bombarded by the images on TV, computers and our mobile devices. How many times have you heard someone say, “I am a visual learner”? But, in this digital age, aren’t we all “visual learners”? This workshop will explore the role images and video have in learning today, as well as provide tips for how we create, curate and utilize images and videos in sharing faith with all generations of Catholics.

**7-22 POPE FRANCIS’ MESSAGE OF FAITH, LOVE, HUMILITY AND MERCY: DOES IT REALLY MATTER?** 🔊

Pope Francis has breathed new life into the Catholic Church and revitalized the faith of millions, including Mark Shriver, who recently traveled to Argentina to meet with the people who knew the Pope as a young Jorge Bergoglio, as a young Jesuit priest and as a reforming bishop. Shriver visited the confessional where the Pope first felt called to a faith-based life and the humble parish where he answered Christ’s call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and shelter the homeless. In this session, Shriver will share what he learned on that journey and discuss how Francis’ message of faith, love, humility and mercy are relevant in today’s world.



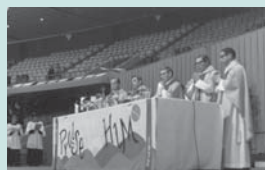
**Mark K. Shriver**

*Mark Shriver is President of Save the Children Action Network, based in Washington, D.C. He created the Choice Program and is a former Maryland state legislator. His new book, “Pilgrimage: My Search for the Real Pope Francis,” was released in November 2016. Shriver is also author of the New York Times best-selling memoir, “A Good Man: Rediscovering My Father, Sargent Shriver.” He and his wife, Jeanne, have their three children, Molly, Tommy and Emma.*

Workshops

**1962**

Photos from 55 years of Congress Liturgies (from left to right): 1962 with celebrant Cardinal James McIntyre (at Immaculate Heart College); 1972 with Cardinal Timothy Manning; 1986 & 1996 with Cardinal Roger Mahony; 2016 with Archbishop José Gomez.





## 7-23 TELL ME WHY? – UNDERSTANDING WHAT WE BELIEVE

Rev. R. Tony Ricard, MTh, MDiv (bio 6-01)

Catholic belief is succinctly expressed in the profession of our faith, or credo, called the Nicene Creed. From “I believe in God” to believing in this “one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church” and looking forward to “the life of the world to come,” Roman Catholics believe a lot of stuff. Some of it is easy to understand and some of it can be confusing. This interactive workshop will deal with some of the major questions of faith. It will also allow participants to ask questions about faith, hope and love. Come prepared to ask Fr. Tony Ricard, “Tell me why?”

## 7-24 START WHERE THEY ARE (& OTHER SECRETS TO EFFECTIVELY ENGAGE FAMILIES IN FAITH)

Michael Theisen (bio 6-24)

Pope Francis has clearly articulated a path for the Church and church leaders everywhere that directs us into the homes and the lived reality of families. Why is family so central to an evangelizing church? How can ministry leaders effectively accompany parents and families in their faith journeys? And perhaps most important, what’s keeping us from taking those necessary next steps to partner more closely with parents in the faith transmission process? Join others who are seeking the answers to these same questions as we explore the secrets to bringing home the faith.

## 7-25 THE LIVING LANGUAGE OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Johan M.J. van Parys, PhD (bio 4-22)

For centuries Christian symbols have been an important way to express our faith and in turn to learn about our faith. Some symbols have gone out of favor as we no longer understand them. On the other hand, new symbols have risen from our daily experience of Church. This workshop will look at the ways in which we best engage with this beautiful language and use it enhance our liturgy and catechesis.

## 7-26 FATHER & SON, DARING TO EMBRACE TRUST

In 2016, Pope Francis gave to the Church, *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love), which spoke of the family as a foundation for growth in love. In response to this exhortation, David and Matthew Wells will speak to each other about their experience of being father and son, of what each has taught the other about life, themselves and about God. Witness a dialogue between the first half of life and the second as we explore, in this far-from-perfect relationship, how out of the ordinariness and messiness of daily life can emerge a gentle awareness of God’s lifelong embrace.



David Wells

David Wells was a teacher before becoming a research assistant for the Bishops’ Conference in England and Wales. His latest position is as Project Manager for School Evangelization. Wells has travelled the world, speaking at more than 350 conferences in Europe, North America and Australia. He guest lectures in three English universities and in 2015 was MC for the Bishops’ Conference national gathering in England and Wales. Wells is author of two books, “The Reluctant Disciple” (which tells of his experience at RECongress), and more recently, “The Grateful Disciple.”



Matthew Wells

Matthew Wells is currently studying toward his degree in Geography at the University of Cardiff in the United Kingdom and expects to graduate this coming summer. He will present alongside his Dad, David Wells, a regular speaker at Congress. Matthew has spoken once before with David, at a conference of several hundred people when he was just 14. This will be his second experience of public speaking. For two years now he has taken part in a Church-based program called “Release,” designed to encourage young people into leadership and witness.

## 7-70 “Không ai có thể làm tôi hai chủ” (Mt. 6, 24)

Đức Cha Giuse Nguyễn Chí Linh (tiểu sử 2-70)

Đề tài “không ai có thể làm tôi hai chủ” (Mt. 6, 24) sẽ được triển khai như sau: 1) Những nhu cầu thực sự của con người: con người cần phải đáp ứng những nhu cầu vật chất để tồn tại về thể xác. Nhưng con người có cuộc sống thứ hai quan trọng hơn: cuộc sống thân linh. 2) Giáo huấn của Chúa Giêsu: phải chọn lựa một trong hai, hoặc tiền bạc, hoặc Thiên Chúa. 3) Giải pháp của Chúa Giêsu: tin tưởng vào Chúa Quan Phòng.

## “NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS” (MATT. 6:24)

Bishop Joseph Linh Chi Nguyen (bio 2-70)

Using the theme of Matthew 6:24, “no one can serve two masters,” we will assess the following: 1) The demand on people: People do have material needs to live, but second most important is their spiritual life. 2) The teaching of Jesus: Choose God or mammon. 3) The solution of Jesus: Believe in the God of mercy.



**8-01 FEAR: THE ENEMY OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP** 🎧 **ARENA**

Nearly every one of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances to his disciples includes the exhortation, "Be not afraid!" And yet, we live in a world in which fear is a constant threat to Christian discipleship, to our becoming instruments of God's peace, love and justice in the world. This workshop looks at how to respond to a culture that promotes fear of the "other," especially those who are different in race, gender, religion, nationality or language. Drawing on the Gospels and the wisdom figures, including Pope Francis, Thomas Merton, Oscar Romero and others, we will examine how to *embrace trust* in God and carry out our discipleship amid a culture of fear and violence.



**Rev. Daniel P. Horan, OFM**

*Franciscan friar Fr. Daniel Horan, a theologian and columnist at America magazine, has lectured across North America and Europe. He teaches theology and spirituality at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago; he previously taught at Boston College as well as at Siena College and St. Bonaventure University, both in New York. Fr. Horan is author of numerous academic and popular articles. His recent books include "God is Not Fair and Other Reasons for Gratitude," "The Franciscan Heart of Thomas Merton" and "The Last Words of Jesus."*

**8-02 FIG TREE SPIRITUALITY: TILLING THE SOIL WITH SEEDS OF TRUST** 🎧

**Dr. Mary Amore (bio 5-03)**

In this presentation, we will explore the many ways that the daily demands of ministry can strip away the soil of our soul and leave us dry and barren. By sowing seeds of perseverance and trust in the workings of the Lord we can produce abundant fruit for the Kingdom of God, not only in our personal life but also in our ministry.

**8-03 HEALING THE WOUNDED HEART** 🎧

**Theresa M. Burke, PhD (bio 5-07)**

Rachel's Vineyard offers retreats (in 32 languages in 82 countries) that provide a unique combination of psychological and spiritual recovery for healing after abortion. This workshop will present an overview of the "Living Scripture" technique, which provides an integrated sensory-based treatment for psychological and spiritual healing. Similar exercises are also used as the basis for their "Grief to Grace" retreats (for healing abuse) and "Duty to Heal" (finding peace for a soldier's heart). The retreats are an effective "therapy for the soul" that result in evangelization, community and recovery as participants open their traumatic wounds to the grace of God.

**8-04 TEACHING FOR DISCIPLESHIP: THE CALL, THE CHALLENGE, THE DIFFERENCE** 🎧

**Dr. Michael Carotta (bio 6-04)**

The three most recent Church documents on faith formation call us to focus on discipleship. How is this different than our past approaches? What are the challenges? What are the tasks? Whether you work with children, youth or adults, what specific techniques and catechetical methods might get us there?

**8-05 MOTHERS AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS** 🎧

How do we live Restorative Justice in our lives and community? How do we trust that we are not alone in our journey of healing? Do we want to walk with others? At times when we are struck by the loss of a loved one, either by a violent death or a life sentence in a prison, are we able to trust God, friends or others who have been through it? Let us be instruments of peace and dialogue. We are called not only to witness to people who have lost their loved ones by violence or prison, but also to walk together to heal families and communities.



**Rita Chairez**


*Born in Zacatecas, Mexico, Rita Chairez now lives in Boyle Heights, Calif., where she has been actively involved, for the past 20 years, with Dolores Mission and Proyecto Pastoral, sitting on their Board as Community Representative. In 2008, she started working with the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Office of Restorative Justice as their Victims of Violence Coordinator. Chairez is now Program Coordinator for Healing Hearts Restoring Hope for those affected by homicide. She continues to work with the incarcerated in the prison system.*



**Amalia Molina**

*Originally from El Salvador, Amalia Molina has worked with immigrants, prisoners and their families, offering workshops, support groups and assistance. Her experience has led her to give presentations across the United States, including Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. and Loyola University Chicago. She is currently Executive Director at the Center for Restorative Justice Works in North Hollywood, Calif. In 2010, Molina was honored with the "Voices of Courage" award by The Refugee Women Commission.*

**2007** What debuted as a two-night event at Congress 2007 called the "Catholic Filmmakers' Showcase" continues still as the Congress Film Showcase, in partnership with Loyola Marymount University's Center for Religion and Spirituality. The evening presents excerpts from a number of narrative feature films, shorts, documentaries, experimental and animated films, whose thematic elements are grounded in Catholic social teaching, justice, ministry, spirituality and theology. As always, filmmakers are present to meet with audience members.



Workshops



## 8-06 THE ART OF FORGIVENESS

True forgiveness is not an act of will, it is a consciously chosen participation in redemption and grace. Drawing upon our Christian tradition as well as groundbreaking research from the therapeutic community on the power and process of Mindful Self-Compassion, Jeanne Cotter will explore the highly creative path of forgiveness.



**Jeanne Cotter**

*Based in St. Paul, Minn., Jeanne Cotter is a liturgical composer, author, speaker and owner of Mythic Rain. She is also Artist in Residence at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Naperville, Ill. Cotter has directed parish missions and retreats throughout the United States and has presented at diocesan gatherings and national events including the RECongress, the National Catholic Educational Association and the National Association of Pastoral Musicians.*

## 8-07 PRAYING ST. FRANCIS WITH THE BODY

**Roy E. DeLeon, OBlSB (bio 6-06)**

St. Francis is one of the most beloved saints of all time. And most spiritual seekers in all traditions pray his Peace Prayer. This workshop will bring another dimension to praying this popular prayer and his Canticle of the Sun. The body, this temple of the Spirit, will join in movement as we say or sing his sacred words. We will feel as we pray with Francis of Assisi while he spends time with the Almighty One. The guided body movements will be slow and very gentle. There will be instructions on how to adapt them to your physical needs.

## 8-08 JUSTICE, MERCY AND FORGIVENESS: THE WAYS OF GOD

**Dr. Greer G. Gordon (bio 5-15)**

For those who love God, an understanding of the ways of God is essential for the continued development of our relationship with God. Unlike the world, God deals with us from a posture of justice that is rooted in mercy and forgiveness. This session will address the practical implications of being a Christian in an unforgiving and unmerciful world. It will offer insights into our growth in wisdom, charity and daily faith-filled living. This session is recommended for those seeking a life of prayer and those engaged in catechetical and pastoral ministries.

## 8-09 THE GLORY OF GOD: MAN & WOMAN FULLY ALIVE

**Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT (bio 4-07)**

Have you ever looked at a member of the opposite sex and said to yourself, "What are they thinking!?" Rather than seeing our differences as complementary, many times we experience our sexuality as men and women as contradictory! In this workshop, we will sketch out God's glorious plan that he has written into the body and soul of every man and woman, how healing from brokenness restores us to the core of our being, and how to fully live out our gifts in a broken world in need of hope and mercy.

## 8-10 SISTERS: THE FRIENDSHIPS OF WOMEN AS TOLD IN THE SCRIPTURES AND SACRED TRADITION

Sarah Hart and ValLimar Jansen return with new, exciting stories and songs, celebrating the great friendships of women in Scripture and religious tradition. Some of these friendships are filled with love, joy and mutual support. Others are complicated and challenge us to examine our own lives. Find laughter and catechesis in the complications of sisters Leah and Rachel. Have fun and be inspired by the experiences of Mary, Mary, Mary and Mary in Scripture. Experience the joy and tears in the work of women saints. Finally, be moved by the music interwoven throughout this session, as these two dynamic women focus on how holy women embrace trust.



**ValLimar Jansen**

*Traveling to over 80 events annually, ValLimar Jansen serves the Church as a composer, singer, storyteller, 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 the MC for the National Catholic Youth Conference in 2011 held in Indianapolis. ValLimar and her husband, Frank, performed for over 300,000 people at the Loreto/Angora international papal event in Italy, broadcast on EWTN and across the world.*



**Sarah Hart**

*Sarah Hart of Nashville, Tenn., has been a singer, songwriter, retreat author and keynote speaker for more than 20 years. She has performed at countless conventions and events, and for Pope Francis at St. Peter's in 2013. The Grammy-nominated songwriter has songs recorded by numerous artists and has appeared in TV, film and commercials. Hart's writing is visible in hymnals across the globe. She has authored four retreats for parish missions, women's retreats and adult catechesis, which she presents nationally.*

## 8-11 THE JOY OF THE EUCHARIST

The story of the road to Emmaus is central to our appreciation and understanding of the living Christ, made known to us in the breaking of the Bread. Good liturgy is the means by which eucharistic joy can become a reality. Liturgical catechesis will naturally flow from liturgy that is life-giving and joy-filled. In this session, we will experience together a variety of ritual prayer experiences designed for catechesis and faith formation for all ages – food for our own journey to Emmaus.



**Tom Kendzia**

*Tom Kendzia has been a professional liturgical musician, speaker, performer and consultant since 1980. He is currently a Liturgy and Music Consultant for Sadlier Religion Publishers and Director of Music at Christ the King Church in Kingston, R.I. A composer, performer, teacher, clinician and author, Kendzia has presented at international events, most national diocesan gatherings and many parish workshops/concerts throughout the United States, Canada, the West Indies, Europe and Asia. His numerous published songs include "Lead Us To The Water," "Taste and See" and "Like A River."*

**8-12 CONFIRMATION: ROAD TO DISCIPLESHIP OR CONFIRMATION?** 🗣️

Studies have indicated that over 65 percent of those confirmed in high school will no longer be active in the Catholic Church. With this dire statistic, what can be done to change this? What are practical ideas to keep those confirmed involved in their Catholic faith? What are current programs that are addressing this topic and what makes them so different than what has been done before? If you want to make a difference in teens' lives by keeping them active, you don't want to miss this workshop!

**Jim Knowles**

*Jim Knowles has been involved in youth ministry for over 30 years at the parish, archdiocesan and national levels through work as a parish youth minister, Catholic high school teacher, Director of Parish Services for the Archdiocese of Denver and as Executive Director for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. In addition, Knowles has worked for both Catholic and interdenominational publishers, including Group, St. Mary's Press, RCL Benziger, and Ascension Press. Currently, he works for The Augustine Institute as Regional Manager for Diocesan Partnerships and is based in Colorado.*

**8-13 WHEN JUSTICE AND PEACE SHALL KISS** 🗣️

**Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie, OMI (bio 5-18)**

Despite the reality that social justice is integral to the Gospel and to ministry, the quip that the social justice teachings of the church are its "best kept secret" is still all too applicable. Now more than ever, these teachings cry out to be unwrapped, explored and applied to our wounded world in an understandable manner. This presentation will bring together the social teachings of the Church, Scripture, social analysis, contemporary justice issues and leaders in the area of justice work so as to sketch a strategy for a more peaceful world.

**8-14 EVANGELIZING TO FAMILIES**

**Rev. Ronald Nuzzi (bio 6-20)**

The 2015 World Synod of Bishops on the Family began a robust conversation worldwide about the many blessings and challenges of family life. Reviewing results of the synod along with contemporary research on family life in United States provides a blueprint for ministry for parishes, schools and catechetical programs. The future of the Church is found in the family.

**8-15 12 THINGS WE NEED TO DO NOW TO RADICALLY CHANGE THE WAY WE DO FAITH FORMATION** 🗣️

**Joe Paprocki, DMin (bio 6-21)**

Too often, the New Evangelization amounts to saying the same things we've always said but louder and faster. While the New Evangelization does need new ardor, it also needs new methods and expressions. In this work-

shop, Joe Paprocki will identify 12 things that we need to do differently NOW in the area of faith formation if the New Evangelization is really going to be new.

**8-16 MARRIED AND HOLY?** 🗣️

The call of baptism to holiness and mission is the core of discipleship. In the vocation of marriage, the journey to holiness lives in the relationship between husband and wife. That sacred truth is often lost in the day-to-day challenges of family and work. Join us as we explore marriage as a reflection of God's gift of enduring love in light of Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love). With story and humor, we will discover the secrets of a happy and holy marriage.

**Jo Ann Paradise, DMin**

*Jo Ann Paradise is a National Consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division. She has served as a catechetical administrator in several parishes in the Pittsburgh Diocese for over 32 years and most recently was Director of Parish Ministerial Life and Spiritual Formation at St. Sebastian Parish. Paradise gives keynotes and workshops at diocesan conferences throughout the United States and Canada as well as at national conferences, including the National Catholic Educational Association and the L.A. Congress, among others.*

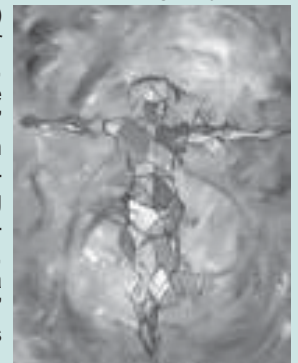
**8-17 THE MISSION-DRIVEN PARISH: FORMING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES** 🗣️

**Sr. Theresa Rickard, OP (bio 6-22)**

Is your parish a "ministry service station" – or is it, in Pope Francis' words, a "center of constant missionary activity"? Do parishioners act like consumers, or do they act like disciples? The difference is a missionary mindset, which often involves a significant change of parish culture. This workshop offers practical ideas to help leaders view every parish effort through the lens of evangelization. Special attention will focus on sacramental preparation as opportunities to evangelize young couples and families, and fostering vibrant small-groups as cells of discipleship.

**2011**

Recently the Stations of the Cross at Sacred Space became themed. At Congress 2011, the work "The Stations of the Cross: A Contemporary Meditation on the Passion of Christ" featured paintings by Chris Hull (12th Station pictured) accompanied by a prayer written by John Hull. In 2014, "A Journey of Hope Along the Migrant Trail: A Via Crucis" was presented by Deborah McCullough and Pamela Hoffmeister about the suffering taking place on the Arizona-Mexico border. In 2016, "Garden of Dreams – A Via Crucis on Human Trafficking" highlighted the countless victims of human trafficking.





## 8-18 A MODEL FOR PROGRESSIVE SOLEMNITY IN HISPANIC WORSHIP

Accompanying the liturgical year musically in the parish and developing a repertoire that allows the faithful to express their faith communally from season to season can be a challenge. Directed especially for those in parish liturgical and music ministry who plan with and for Hispanic/Latino communities, and using the principle of Progressive Solemnity, we will examine how we might look at the nature and style of the songs we select to accompany the liturgical year. We will share repertoire and best practices.



**Pedro Rubalcava**

*Pedro Rubalcava is a bilingual/bicultural composer, clinician, recording artist, cantor and pastoral minister, who is Director of Hispanic Ministries at Oregon Catholic Press in Portland. He also serves on the Executive Boards of the Instituto Nacional Hispano de Liturgia, the National Council for Hispanic Ministry, and the Northwest Regional Office for Hispanic Affairs. Since 1985, Rubalcava has been a frequent speaker at liturgy and other ministry conferences at the parish, diocesan and national levels.*

## 8-19 VOLUNTEERS: A NEW APPROACH TO GETTING THEM, KEEPING THEM, SURVIVING THEM

**Anna Scally (bio 1-19)**

The need for competent volunteers is essential in all ministries. How can you get even the busiest people to help you expand your ministry? Learn effective skills to motivate people to want to be on your ministry team. Take care of them and they will help you.

## 8-20 FLAMENCO THEOLOGY: READING LAMENTATIONS WITH GYPSY TRADITION

**Prof. Daniel L. Smith-Christopher (bio 5-22)**

And now for something completely different! Something unusual has been happening among Southern European Gypsies almost entirely unknown in the United States: a massive charismatic Christian revival involving nearly 80 percent of the entire Gypsy population in France and Spain. This presents fascinating possibilities – like a “Gypsy reading” of biblical books. So, in this session, we will explore what a “Flamenco” theology might look like, and how a “Gypsy reading” of Lamentations may look ... and sound! Our special guest will be Briseyda Zárate, a Flamenco dancer in Los Angeles, who will perform and dance the first 15 verses of Lamentations.

**1971**

Only 15 years after the first “CCD institute” was begun, the first “Youth Rally” was held in 1971. That year the half-day event set the pattern for what has become Youth Day, which now annually brings together almost 15,000 youth and their chaperones.

**2016**

While the majority of Congress attendees come from the United States (we had registrations from 46 states – and 20,266 just from California alone), there are a number of people who travel a distance to attend Congress. Not only from neighboring Canada (444 registered) and Mexico (112 registered), but last year attendees also travelled from Argentina (1), Australia (86), Belize (1), El Salvador (1), Guam (6), Guatemala (1), Haiti (1), Ireland (29), Korea (5), New Zealand (14), Panama (1), Philippines (5), Singapore (5), Spain (4), Taiwan (5), Thailand (1), Uganda (1), United Kingdom (35), Vietnam (1) and even the Vatican (1).

## 8-21 “MY EARS HAD HEARD OF YOU BUT NOW MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOU” (JOB 42:5)

**Sr. Maureen Sullivan, OP, PhD (bio 4-21)**

When we first encounter Job in the Old Testament, we find him in despair. Yet, even in his feeling of abandonment, he persisted in his trust of God. Like Job, our ears have heard much about God, but now we are called to truly see this God of Mercy and to *embrace trust*. But this leap of faith is sometimes challenged by the sufferings we endure. Job is a perfect example of this sentiment of how we can feel alone and want to be sure that God is aware of our tribulations. What if the trials of this life are your mercies in disguise? What if our greatest disappointments or the aching of this life is the revealing of a greater thirst this world can’t satisfy? These questions will serve as the focal point of this session.

## 8-22 BUILDING A CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER: HUMANIZING THE SOCIAL NETWORKS

**Bishop Paul Tighe (bio 1-22)**

The focus of this workshop will be on identifying the possibility of social networks realizing their potential to be places of dialogue and authentic human growth. In particular, Bishop Paul Tighe will seek to clarify how Christian believers, together with others of goodwill, can work to ensure that social networks promote a greater sense of the unity of the human family and foster understanding between different cultures.

## 8-23 TRUST IS THE KEY TO FAITHFULNESS

**Catherine “Cackie” Upchurch (bio 1-24)**

Ultimately, faith is a matter of trust. The content of our teachings and beliefs can change our lives only in the context of a trusting relationship with the God who made us and accompanies us. We sometimes carry within us certain myths or illusions about trust, but our biblical tradition offers us a new vision where trust is the most necessary and realistic choice.

**8-24 INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING** 🗣️

Joan Weber (bio 4-23)

The Catholic Church's social principles are bold, inspiring and rooted in the Gospel. But many young Catholics are unaware of what the Church teaches about justice and service. This workshop will provide practical ways we can inspire young people with the social teachings of the Church in creative and engaging ways. We will also look at ways to support youth and young adults in taking action to live the social teachings of the Church in their own lives.

**8-25 MANY PATHS, ONE GOD** 🗣️

As we journey together as one community, we acknowledge the diverse ways that we pray, celebrate and honor our God. Guided by the words and example of Pope Francis, Archbishop Oscar Romero, Sr. Thea Bowman, Thomas Merton and other spiritual wisdom figures, we will take time during this session to reflect how we can respect and honor the many distinct ways we share and celebrate our faith.

**Dr. C. Vanessa White**

*Dr. Vanessa White is Assistant Professor of Spirituality and Ministry and Director of the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies and Main Specialized Ministry at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She is a member of the summer faculty and*

*Coordinator of the Elder's Retreat in the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana as well as advisor to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee on Certification for Ecclesial Ministry and Service. Dr. White has numerous published articles and is an experienced workshop presenter, retreat facilitator and spiritual director.*

**8-70 “Xương bởi xương tôi, thịt bởi thịt tôi” (Sáng thế 2:23)** 🗣️

Linh Mục Phạm Đức Thịnh (tiểu sử 4-70)

Qua Tông Huấn *Amoris Laetitia* của Đức Thánh Cha Phanxicô, buổi hội thảo sẽ thảo luận sự phát triển về linh đạo và phụng vụ của Bí Tích Hôn Nhân. Tham dự viên sẽ cảm nhận thế nào là ân sủng của Thiên Chúa, tác động trong việc cử hành phụng vụ, tiếp tục trợ giúp cho niềm tin cùng ơn gọi nên thánh trong đời sống hôn nhân và gia đình.

**“BONE OF MY BONES AND FLESH OF MY FLESH” (GEN. 2:23)** 🗣️

Rev. Thịnh Duc Pham (bio 4-70)

Focusing on *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, this workshop will discuss the liturgico-spiritual development of the sacrament of marriage and will show how God's grace, flowing from the liturgical celebration, continues to enhance the trust and call to holiness in marriage and family life.

**1956-2017**

The origins of the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress spring from the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, popularly known as CCD, a ministry that actually began in Los Angeles in 1922 under Bishop John Cantwell. Over the years, the number of students in the program grew and by 1937 the program was so successful that a full-time director was needed to run the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

In 1956, the first CCD “institute” was held for teachers and catechists of the program. Some 500 attended the two-day conference at Mount Carmel High School on Hoover Street in Los Angeles. In 1957, the event at Bishop Conaty Catholic Girls High School saw attendance double. In subsequent years, attendance continued to increase at Loyola University; and culminated with over 4,000 attending the event at Immaculate Heart College by 1960.

In 1967, with the cooperation of the dioceses of Monterey-Fresno and San Diego, the agenda for the first three-day “Congress” was set. The purpose was “to provide an atmosphere of Christian unity ... for the benefit of each and the common good of all mankind.” It was January 13-15, 1967 that the first “Southern California Confraternity Congress” was held at the LAX-area International Hotel. In 1971, the first Youth Rally was held, which set the model for today's Youth Day.

Today, the Religious Education Congress supports the diverse needs of parish leaders as well as sessions of benefit to families and for personal growth. Our last event, held February 25 (Youth Day) and February 26-28, 2016, had over 38,000 in attendance, with 204 speakers presenting 308 workshops in three languages (English, Spanish and Vietnamese), and with 20,976 registered for Congress. Youth Day attendance was 13,833. Our Exhibit Hall had 539 booths with 1,680 representatives from 257 different companies and organizations.

Read our Congress Milestones online at [www.RECongress.org/ccd-rec.htm](http://www.RECongress.org/ccd-rec.htm).



ABOVE – Over 5,000 (well-dressed) catechists were enrolled in the 1963 CCD Institute held at Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles. BELOW – The Closing Liturgy in the Anaheim Arena at the 1974 Congress, with the theme “Jesus, Others, You.”

