

Sr. Edith's Congress reflections gathered in 'Grace Abounds'

The opening event reflections offered by Religious Sister of Charity Edith Prendergast at each year's Religious Education Congress have been compiled into a new book whose royalties will support the formation of lay ministers.

"Grace Abounds," published by Ave Maria Press, is a collection of 14 keynote talks presented by Sister Prendergast, director of the archdiocesan Office of Religious Education which presents the Congress in Anaheim. (This year's event is March 17-20.)

"In my reflections," said Sister Prendergast,

"I have tried to harmonize a host of voices — from Scripture, poets, spiritual writers and faith leaders — in an attempt to inspire the lives and ministries of those who attend Congress. It is a great joy for me to offer support and encouragement to those who serve our church."

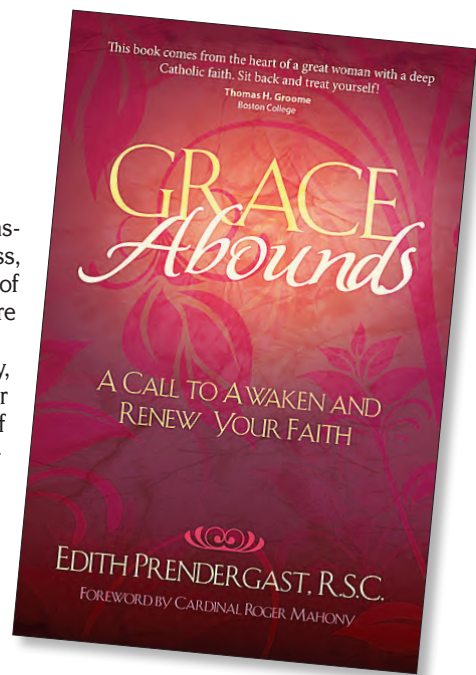
The book includes a foreword by Cardinal Roger Mahony and a preface by Dr. Michael Downey, professor of theology at St. John's Seminary and a frequent presenter at Congress.

"It is a singular delight for me," said the cardinal, "to know that these words of wisdom

and discernment, first spoken in faith-filled assembly at the Religious Education Congress, will now reach the eyes, ears and hearts of so many more of God's holy people who are longing for an encouraging word."

Through "the generosity of my community, the Religious Sisters of Charity," said Sister Prendergast, the royalties from the sale of "Grace Abounds" will contribute to the Religious Education Congress endowment fund that supports the ongoing formation and education of lay ministers.

Copies of "Grace Abounds" (128 pp., \$12.95) will be available for sale at Congress. For more information on the event, log on to www.recongress.org.



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- Thursday, March 17: Youth Day (registration closed).
- Friday, March 18: Gathering Event, 8:30 a.m.; workshops, 10-11:30 a.m., 1-2:30 p.m., 3-4:30 p.m.; liturgies, 5:15 p.m.
- Saturday, March 19: Morning Prayer, 8 a.m.; Keynote (Jack Jezreel), 8:30 a.m.; workshops, 10-11:30 a.m., 1-2:30 p.m., 3-4:30 p.m.; liturgies, 5:15 p.m.
- Sunday, March 20: Morning Liturgy, 8 a.m.; Morning Addresses (Greer Gordon, Dora Tobar Mensbrugge), 8:30 a.m.; workshops, 10-11:30 a.m., 1-2:30 p.m.; Closing Liturgy, 3:30 p.m.

Additional lunchtime and evening entertainment events are also scheduled, as are exhibits, evening prayer and other special events. For detailed information, visit www.recongress.org.

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