

**Saturday, October 1, 2022**

The **Our Lady of the Angels, San Fernando, and San Pedro Regions** are joining forces to bring you a dynamic lineup of speakers to accompany you on your ministry journey!

**The day will include Live Virtual Workshop Presentations:**

- See Incredible Lineup of Speakers Below
- 3 Sessions of Morning Workshops:
  - 9:30 am
  - 10:30 am
  - 11:30 am
- 9 Individual Workshops to Choose From
- And, at 9:00 am, a Motivational Keynote Speaker to Start the Day



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## **SCROLL DOWN TO VIEW ALL 9 ENGLISH WORKSHOPS & SPEAKERS**

**9:00 am**

***Welcome & Keynote Speaker***

**Sr. Rosalia Meza, VDMF**, is the Senior Director of the Office of Religious Education for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and a member of the Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity (VDMF). She serves as the U.S. provincial for her community. Sr. Rosalia was previously the Director of Religious Education at St. Anthony's Parish in Long Beach. She holds a doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley.



**9:30 am – Session 1 – Choose 1 of the Following 3 Options**

**Session 1 - 9:30 am**

**Joe Paprocki, DMin – “Catechists as Mystagogues”**

The new *Directory for Catechesis* states that the catechist is called to be, “a teacher and a mystagogue” who introduces others to the mystery of God revealed in the Paschal Mystery of Christ. This means that, while we most certainly transmit content and information, we do so with the context or climate of prayerful encounter with Divine Mystery. In this presentation, we will unpack the meaning of mystagogy and how catechists can and must serve as, not only teachers, but also mystagogues.



Joe Paprocki, DMin, the National Consultant for Faith Formation at Loyola Press, has over 40 years of experience in catechetical ministry and has authored over 20 books on pastoral ministry and spirituality, including his most recent, "Preparing Hearts and Minds: 9 Simple Ways for Catechists to Cultivate a Living Faith." He has presented in over 150 dioceses in North America.

#### **Session 1 - 9:30 am**

##### **Julianne Stanz – “H.O.P.E- Healing, Opportunity, Prayer and Eucharist”**

During this challenging time, H.O.P.E is needed now more than ever! Living in H.O.P.E starts with Jesus, what He did and what He asked us to do. It is He who challenges each one of us to grow as His disciples and reach out on mission to the world. If our people are renewed, our parishes will be renewed. People are always their best resource in the disciple making process. So, how do we mobilize our people now for mission? How do we raise up the next generation of saints right now? What is the spiritual moment that we are called to as a Church? With joy, humor and practical insights, Julianne will help you to set forth a vision for reaching all people, and practical ways by which we can become a community of missionary disciples who live in H.O.P.E.



Julianne Stanz is the Director of Discipleship and Parish Life for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and is a consultant to the USCCB Committee on Catechesis and Evangelization. Julianne is a storyteller, encourager, and author. She has been profoundly influenced by her life growing up in Ireland. She is the author of the books “Braving the Thin Places: Celtic Wisdom to Create a Space for Grace,” and “Start with Jesus: How everyday disciples will renew the Church,” published by Loyola Press. You can catch up with her at [www.juliannestanz.com](http://www.juliannestanz.com)

#### **Session 1 - 9:30 am**

##### **Sr. Hosea Rupprecht, FSP – “Teens, Catholic Identity, and Social Media”**

When I ask teens if they consider themselves media producers, they usually say no, so I ask if they use social media. Most say yes. I tell them that if they post on social media, they are, indeed, media producers. This workshop helps catechists encourage their teens to embrace their Catholic identity and exercise digital authenticity by providing a strategy for teens to check that their social media use is in sync with their identity as followers of Christ.



Sr. Hosea Rupprecht, FSP, is a member of the Daughters of St. Paul, a religious community dedicated to evangelization with media. She holds a Masters of Theological Studies from the University of St. Michael’s College, and an MA in Media Literacy from Webster University. Sr. Hosea is former Regional Director of the Pauline Center for Media Studies in New York, but is now based at the national office in Culver City. She is author of “How to Watch Movies With Kids: A Values-Based Strategy,” film critic, and former co-host of the Catholic TV movie review show, *Searchlight*. For the past 20 years, she has facilitated various film dialogues for both children and adults, as well as given presentations on integrating culture, faith and media on the parish, diocesan, and national levels.

### **10:30 am – Session 2 – Choose 1 of the Following 3 Options**

#### **Session 2 - 10:30 am**

##### **John Collins – “Sights and Sounds of Being Catholic...Teaching our Children Religion”**

Whether at home, in a Catholic school or a parish program, all involved are working toward the same mission: forming disciples. Yes, it’s also about informing, learning knowledge about our faith. But it’s more than that. It’s about what we do that makes us who we are...members of the Catholic



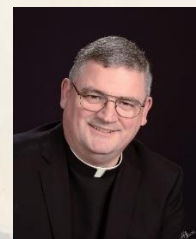
faith. That's where the "forming" comes in. Teaching our children religion is about telling our story as well experiencing the sights, sounds, and range of lived experiences of our Catholic faith. John will share some thoughts and ideas about teaching our children religion no matter who we are and what setting we are in.

John Collins is a retired public school elementary principal, former Director of Curriculum and Professional Development and elementary school teacher. He is also a former DRE and catechist. John has been a full-time National Religion Consultant with Sadlier for six years. He recently retired to begin a new full-time job as grandfather. John and his wife are taking care of their grandson, Benjamin, and granddaughter, Madelyn, while their mom and dad work. In addition to this new role, John continues to work with Sadlier on a per diem basis as a National Religion Consultant. His presentations always bring the practical and realistic to catechesis with his experience as both a professional educator and a catechetical leader.

#### **Session 2 - 10:30 am**

##### **Fr. David Loftus – “Catechesis, Liturgy, Service & Community”**

The Directory for Catechesis brings together these four elements, seeing them at the heart of what allows us to introduce people to the person of Jesus. Without attending to all four elements, our efforts to nurture people in a relationship with Jesus will be impoverished. This workshop explores the power of liturgy in communicating the fullness of our faith and introducing people to the experience of God (cf, Directory for Catechesis , n372).



Fr. David Loftus serves among God's people at Our Lady of Lourdes in Northridge. He is a graduate of both All Hallows College in Dublin, Ireland, and Boston College. He formerly served in the Los Angeles Archdiocese, Office of Religious Education, and as a consultant for Catechist Formation for Adult Religious Education. He maintains membership in and has served as Vice-President of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership. Fr. Loftus is also the author of several articles for Catechetical Leader and he has presented nationally and internationally.

#### **Session 2 - 10:30 am**

##### **Fr. Parker Sandoval - “Mary, the Model Missionary Disciple”**

By her evangelizing mission, the Church raises up missionary disciples of Jesus. The thoroughly biblical concept of missionary discipleship is concretized in the life of the Virgin Mary. As we explore the stories of Mary in the Gospels, she will show us the way to follow her Son faithfully.



Fr. Parker Sandoval was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in 2015. He served as associate pastor of Resurrection Church in Boyle Heights and then as Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation for the Archdiocese, training parish catechetical leaders. He currently serves as Vice Chancellor and Senior Director of Ministerial Services of the Archdiocese and his passion remains the ministry of the word: preaching the Gospel and teaching the Catholic faith.

#### **11:30 am – Session 3 – Choose 1 of the Following 3 Options**

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##### **Paul Brogan – “Tools to Help Us Move from Covid Wounds to Pastoral Wisdom”**

Following Jesus' spirit of wisdom, understanding and compassion and using a bio-psycho-social approach, we examine the ongoing impact of Covid on pastoral settings. Great emphasis will be on acquiring numerous tools to help the participants become more skilled when engaging with people in our parishes. dealing with the ongoing impact of Covid.



Paul Brogan is a Marriage and Family Therapist in Los Angeles. He works with individuals and couples virtually in California. He teaches in the Psychology Department at Mount St. Mary's University and presents at parishes and schools. His teaching includes Loss and Grief, Trauma, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Bullying and Truancy, Domestic Violence, Internet Addiction, and Child Development. Originally from Ireland, he has completed graduate studies in theology, psychology, and holistic development. His website is StrongerDayByDay.com.

### Session 3 - 11:30 am

#### **Dr. Brett C. Hoover, Ph.D. – “Not All “the Nones” Are Alike: How Religious Disaffiliation Works Differently in Different Communities and Pastoral Responses”**

We now know that the phenomenon of people opting out of Catholicism and other religious traditions—sometimes described as the “rise of the nones” or religious disaffiliation—looks a little bit different in different groups or communities, and so the pastoral approach should look different too. Dr. Brett Hoover will report on what the latest research tells us about why young people opt out of religion and how that unfolds in a distinct way across racial and cultural lines, and even in different socioeconomic groups. What happens when culture and faith are connected, when discrimination is a factor, when immigration means a clash of attitudes between home country and Southern California life? What are religious educators and pastoral leaders to do? Dr. Hoover will unpack what we know, and offer some practical pastoral do's and don'ts for pastoral leaders and religious educators.



Dr. Brett C. Hoover, Ph.D., is associate professor of pastoral and practical theology at Loyola Marymount University (LMU) in Los Angeles. He directs the MA programs in Theology and Pastoral Theology at LMU. Dr. Hoover is the author of *Immigration and Faith* (Paulist Press, 2021), and *The Shared Parish: Latinos, Anglos, and the Future of U.S. Catholicism* (NYU Press, 2014). His research and teaching looks at parish life in diverse contexts, immigration and the Catholic Church, and more recently the rise of the “nones,” that is, those who are no longer affiliated with any religion.

### Session 3 - 11:30 am

#### **Sr. Nancy Usselman, FSP – “Forming Disciples for a Digital Age”**

What does it mean to live our faith in this digital age and how do we help our young people find that integration? What are the promises and challenges of today's media content and technologies? Through theological reflection and critical engagement with the popular media culture, we can discover the intersecting point between faith and our media experience. This workshop proposes a media mindfulness methodology that provides the tools needed to navigate, discern, and enhance our catechesis with our media experiences.



Sr. Nancy Usselman, FSP, is the Director of the Pauline Center for Media Studies in Los Angeles, CA and a Media Literacy Education Specialist. She is an international speaker, theologian, writer, film reviewer and pop culture blogger for [bemediamindful.org](http://bemediamindful.org) and [CatholicMom.com](http://CatholicMom.com), with degrees in Communications Arts, a Master's in Theology and the Arts from Fuller Theological Seminary and is currently working on a Doctorate in Liturgical Catechesis from Catholic University of America. Her award-winning book entitled, “A Sacred Look: Becoming Cultural Mystics,” is a theology of popular culture.