



News from the Office of Religious Education

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Your Partner In Mission

September - October

2025



42 years ago, Regional Congresses launched a one-day format of workshops on catechetical topics.

Today, Regional Congresses aim to provide accompaniment and professional development opportunities in evangelizing catechesis and the formation of parish ministry leaders and volunteers.

Regional Congresses continue to cover a diversity of topics: family based evangelizing catechesis, liturgical guidelines, practices and music, services for special needs youth, mental health and ministry, Confirmation preparation, Youth Ministry engagement, bereavement ministry, biblical scripture study, Catholic Social Teachings, and expressions of spirituality.

Beyond a variety of workshops, the event is also the premier opportunity in fostering community between ministry leaders and volunteers representing the parishes of a region. Networking opportunities are fruitful. Each Regional Congress reflects the diversity and faith traditions of its region. The members of the planning committees are a cross section of regional representatives whose experience in parish life supports the goal of cultivating missionary disciples.

The Office of Religious Education invites your parish community to join us at this year's Regional Congresses.

Upcoming Events

September 6 - Two Saints for Our Time

September 13 - CBI New Testament Program Begins today!

September 14 - Commissioning Ceremony

Oct 9 & 10 - Listen, Teach, Send

October 22 - The Prophet Jeremiah Bible Talks Series

November 18 - Liturgia Y Palabra de Dios - Adviento y Navidad

November 19 - Changing Seasons: Liturgical Presentation on Advent & Christmas

Regional Congresses

September 27 - San Fernando Regional Congress

October 4 - San Pedro Regional Congress

October 18 - Our Lady of the Angels Regional Congress

October 25 - Santa Barbara Regional Congress

For more information, visit our website

lacatholics.org/regional-congress/

Religious Education Congress



RECongress 2026

February 19-22

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Upcoming Regional Congresses



San Fernando

"Rejoice! God is with us!"

REGIONAL CONGRESS
Sept. 27 2025

Bishop Alemany
High School

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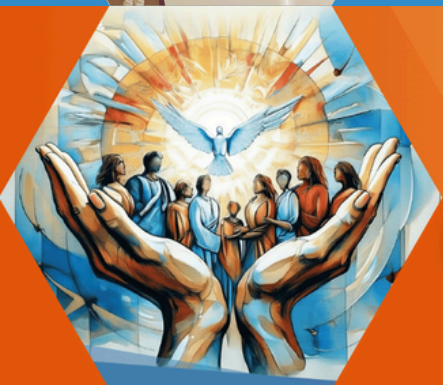
San Pedro

"Jesus, make us instruments of hope"

REGIONAL CONGRESS
Oct. 4, 2025

St. Joseph
High School

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Our Lady of the Angels

"Called to embrace hope"

REGIONAL CONGRESS
Oct. 18, 2025

St. Monica Catholic
Community

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Santa Barbara

"Journeying together in Hope"

REGIONAL CONGRESS
Oct. 25, 2025

St. Bonaventure
High School

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FEBRUARY 19-22, 2026

19-22 DE FEBRERO DE 2026



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YEARS OF DRAWING HEARTS TO JESUS,
TRANSFORMING LIVES, AND SENDING US OUT TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

YOUTH DAY

REAL LOVE CARRIES THE CROSS...

A day for young people in High School with 2 schedule options
NEW for 2026: A Middle School Option

\$50

\$45 BEFORE JANUARY 9TH

ADULT DAYS
DÍAS DE ADULTOS

WRAPPED IN MERCY, HOPE RENEWED

ABRAZADOS EN MISERICORDIA, ESPERANZA RENOVADA
BAO BỘC LÒNG NHÂN TỬ, HY VỌNG CANH TÂN

\$90

\$80 BEFORE JANUARY 9TH
\$80 ANTES DEL 9 DE ENERO

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"THE WHOLE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MINISTRY OF CATECHESIS..."

need catechist formation?

A Catechist is a Christian who receives a particular calling from God that, when accepted in faith, empowers them for the service of the transmission of faith and for the task of initiating others in the Christian life.

lacatholics.org/catechist-formation/

Catechist Formation Programs

Catechist Certification

One Mission One Faith: A basic catholic teaching and ministry formation process founded under the pillars of missionary discipleship and accompaniment. This is Phase I of III for Catechist Certification, and it is also offered as ongoing formation for anyone who serves in the life of the Church.

Vision and Skills for Faith Formation: A catechists and ministry leaders training on knowledge and skills to revive their faith formation processes. VSFF continues the accompaniment, discipleship, catechumenate, and adults at the center models from OMOF and the Directory for Catechesis. This is Phase II of III for catechist certification.

Practicum Phase: After taking both OMOF and VSFF catechist will have the opportunity to observe 2 certified catechists and be evaluated by one approved catechist to complete the certification process.

Advanced Ministry Studies

For those who would like to form themselves under the pillars of theological foundation, evangelizing catechesis, pastoral ministry applications, pedagogy and methodology and the Art of Accompaniment.

This program will provide participants with the opportunity to be formed to exercise different roles at parish or archdiocesan level. Upon completion of classes and process of discernment, ministers will be commissioned and certified with one of the following certifications in collaboration with the California Catholic Conference of Bishops and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

1. Advanced Ministry Studies Certificate
2. California Master Catechist Certificate

Classes can also be taken independently or all together as part of ongoing formation. For more information, please contact us.



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"TODA LA COMUNIDAD CRISTIANA ES RESPONSABLE DEL MINISTERIO DE LA CATEQUESIS..."

¿Buscas formación para catequistas?

La persona catequista ha recibido un llamado particular de Dios para servir en la transmisión de la fe. La persona catequista es "testigo de la fe y custodio de la memoria de Dios; al experimentar la bondad y la verdad del Evangelio... la persona catequista guarda, nutre y da testimonio de la nueva vida" que ha encontrado en Jesús.

lacatholics.org/formacion-catequistas/

Certificación de catequista



Una Misión Una Fe: Un proceso básico de enseñanza católica y formación ministerial fundado bajo los pilares del discipulado misionero y el acompañamiento. Esta es la primera de tres fases para la Certificación de Catequista, y también se ofrece como formación continua para cualquier persona que sirva en la vida de la Iglesia.



Visión y Habilidades para la Formación en la Fe: Una formación para catequistas y líderes ministeriales sobre conocimientos y habilidades para reavivar sus procesos de formación en la fe. VHFF continua los modelos de acompañamiento y discipulado estimulados en UNA MISIÓN UNA FE y recomendados en el Directorio. Esta es la segunda fase para la certificación de catequista.

Fase Práctica: Después de tomar ambos UMUF y VHFF el catequista tendrá la oportunidad de observar a 2 catequistas certificados y ser evaluado por un catequista aprobado para completar el proceso de certificación.

Certificación para el Liderazgo Ministerial

La Oficina de Educación Religiosa ofrecerá un programa integral de tres años de formación, capacitando a los participantes para un liderazgo ministerial animado en la persona de Jesús Palabra, Maestro y Pastor.

Más información sobre nuestro nuevo programa en la página de web: <https://lacatholics.org/maestro-donde-vives/>

MAESTRO, ¿DÓNDE VIVES?



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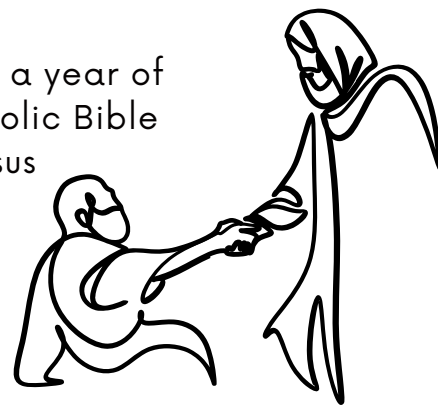


CATHOLIC BIBLE INSTITUTE

BIBLE STUDY LEADERSHIP

NEW TESTAMENT YEAR 2025-2026

Discover the New Testament of the Holy Scriptures through a year of meaningful dedication to the living word of God. The Catholic Bible Institute invites you to deepen your faith and encounter Jesus like never before. The New Testament Year is open to all who would like to become Certified Bible Study Leaders, are catechists, ministers, and anyone open to receiving an abundance of enrichment through studying scripture.



BIBLE STUDY LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION

Begin your certification with the Bible Study Leadership New Testament. Orientation is September 13, 2025, where you will learn the requirements of the process. For more information, visit lacatholics.org/cbi-certification/

ENRICHMENT TRACK

Available for those who wish to join and enrich their faith through scripture. There are no requirements for those registered for Enrichment. You are free to attend the sessions or view the videos after the classes are complete.

RECERTIFICATION

Recertification enrollment is reserved for those who have successfully completed all the requirements for Certification and have been commissioned by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Last chance to register!

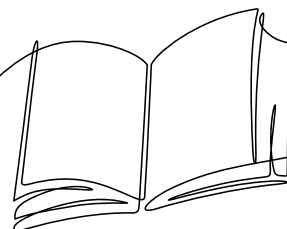
Visit our website online at lacatholics.org/year-two-new-testament/ for more information on requirements.

Registration closes October 23, 2025

Registration will be made easy online at our ADLA store at archla.org/adlaorestore



For more information, please contact Barbara Murphy at bmurphy@la-archdiocese.org





CATHOLIC BIBLE INSTITUTE

HIGHLIGHTS

Upcoming events and resources



THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

*Presented by Sr. Rosalia Meza, VDMF
Director of the Office Religious Education*

CATHOLIC BIBLE INSTITUTE BIBLE TALK SERIES

OCTOBER 22, 2025 7 PM – 8:30 PM PST

On Zoom <https://archla.org/cbijeremiah>
Meeting ID: 973 5493 7723 **Passcode:** 750566

*Connecting
Scripture*



and Life

Hosted by Barbara Murphy
Office of Religious Education - Archdiocese of Los Angeles

CBI Podcast Connecting Scripture & Life

Connecting Scripture and Life podcast explores the way God speaks in different times and places with the same wisdom that lead to a happy life. Scripture teaches us how to live. Through conversations with people who love, teach, and live it we will explore our own lives in the pages of the sacred.

Catholic Bible Institute
& Office of Divine Worship

*Go and Make
Disciples:*

*Order of
Christian
Initiation
of Adults*



Hosted by Barbara Murphy & Fr. Juan Ochoa

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From Sinai



to Bethlehem

Hosted by Barbara Murphy & Rabbi Jason Fruithandler

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CHANGING SEASONS

Scripture Readings of the Liturgical Year

A series of online workshops that follows the cycle of the liturgical year that forms our lives, gives them structure to live the way, truth and life.

November 19, 2025 - Advent and Christmas

Fr. Juan Ochoa, Director of Office for Divine Worship

January 7, 2026 - Ordinary Time

Sr. Monica Cardona, VDMF

February 11, 2026 - Lent through Palm Sunday

Fr. Juan Ochoa, Director of Office for Divine Worship

March 18, 2026 - Triduum and Easter

Sr. Monica Cardona, VDMF



ONLINE VIA ZOOM **7-8:30 pm PST**

FREE No registration required

Zoom Meeting ID: 912 7326 0147

Passcode: 708837



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Archdiocese of Los Angeles



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CURSO BÁSICO DE INICIACIÓN AL ESTUDIO BÍBLICO

¡Bienvenidos al inicio de un nuevo año de formación bíblica!

Este programa es para iniciar a personas interesadas al conocimiento de las Escrituras como enriquecimiento espiritual para poder interpretar su vida desde una óptica de fe basada en los eventos del pueblo de Dios y como ayuda para sus esfuerzos pastorales dentro de sus ministerios.

Cada persona, cada familia y comunidad parroquial se vera grandemente beneficiada al inscribirse en estos cursos Básicos de encuentro con la Palabra de Dios.

¡Todos son bienvenidos!

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2025 - 2026

Region de Los Angeles

St. Augustine-Culver City

St. Kevin-Los Angeles

Nuestra Sra. de Los Angeles-Los Angeles

Holy Cross-Los Angeles

Region de San Gabriel

Nuestra Sra. de la Victoria - Commerce

St. Anthony - San Gabriel

Santuario de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe - LA

Region de San Fernando

Divine Saviour-Los Angeles

San Juan Eudes-Chatsworth

Saint Peter Claver-Simi Valley

Our Lady of the Peace-North Hills

Sacred Heart-Lancaster

Region de San Pedro

Sagrado Corazón y Sta. Ma. De Guadalupe-Cudahy

Sagrado Corazón de Jesús-Compton

Holy Family-Wilmington

San Hilario-Pico Rivera

St. Martha-Huntington Park

Region de Santa Barbara

St. Raphael-Santa Barbara

Region de Orange

San Bonifacio-Anaheim

Virtual por Zoom

San Gabriel- Martes 7 - 9pm

Santa Barbara- Jueves 7 - 9pm

Para mas información

Póngase en contacto con el coordinador del centro al que desea asistir a archla.org/2025centrosbasicos



LITURGIA Y PALABRA DE DIOS

Lecturas bíblicas del Año Litúrgico- A

Esta serie de entrenamientos se guía por el ciclo del Año Litúrgico a través del cual celebramos y vivimos el acontecimiento salvífico del misterio pascual de Cristo en nuestra vida y en el mundo por medio del culto divino y la Palabra de Dios

18 de noviembre, 2025 Adviento y Navidad
P. Juan Ochoa – Director de Oficina de Culto Divino

6 de enero, 2026 Tiempo Ordinario
Hna. Monica Cardona, VDMF

10 de febrero, 2026 Cuaresma-Domingo de Ramos
P. Juan Ochoa – Director de Oficina de Culto Divino

17 de marzo, 2026 Triduo-Tiempo Pascual
Hna. Monica Cardona, VDMF



En línea a través de Zoom **7-8:30 pm**
GRATIS No es necesario inscribirse
ID de Junta Zoom: 988 9997 5295
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INSTITUTO DE PASTORAL Y EVANGELIZACIÓN

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El Instituto de Pastoral y Evangelización es un programa de formación en la fe para adultos (FFA), donde el participante asiste a una clase por mes por tres años tomando cursos en el área de teología, teología pastoral, espiritualidad, formación humana y tecnológica. El participante puede tomar los requisitos para la certificación o tomar las clases como enriquecimiento en la fe.

Para registrarte, visita nuestra página electrónica para más información:
lacatholics.org/ipe



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La Formación de Fe para Adultos (FFA), por la cual las personas conscientemente crecen en la vida de Cristo a través de la experiencia, la reflexión y la oración, y el estudio, deben ser "el asunto central en esta empresa catequética," llegando a ser "el eje del cual toda catequesis para niños, adolescentes, jóvenes y para la tercera edad gira."
— Sentíamos Arder Nuestro Corazón



YM Team

The Youth Ministry (YM) Team in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles (ADLA) exists to form missionary disciples of Jesus Christ confirmed in the Holy Spirit by aligning ministry with youth to the Archdiocesan vision of evangelization.

We support, empower, affirm, and challenge the efforts of parish communities in the areas of Young Adolescent Ministry (Middle School) and Youth Ministry (High School, including confirmation preparation).

We accompany pastors, those who coordinate ministries with youth, adults who serve youth and youth themselves to live out the archdiocesan vision of ministry with young people so that young people and their families are empowered to live as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ in His Church.

USCCB Workshop – Listen Teach Send

We will be hosting an interactive regional formation event on the **USCCB National Pastoral Framework on Ministries with Youth and Young Adults on October 9 & 10, 2025 at the Cathedral**. Staff from the USCCB will offer this formation experience that will provide participants time to explore concrete strategies for implementing the U.S. Bishop's vision for accompanying young people. The workshop is designed for any catholic pastoral minister who accompanies young adults, youth, jóvenes, collegians, and families: in the ministerial areas of evangelization, catechesis, marriage and family life, pastoral care, movements, apostolates, vocations, digital outreach, higher education, and Catholic schools. Registration information and more can be found on our [website](#).



Youth Day 2026 – Real Love Carries the Cross...

Youth Day is an annual event for youth that kicks off the **Religious Education Congress**. Youth Day creates an environment where young people coming from various locations throughout the Archdiocese come together with their chaperones to find community, make meaningful connections, be inspired and most importantly, grow in their relationship with Jesus. Throughout the day, participants will have the opportunity to experience the broader Church, inspiring speakers, interactive exhibits, praise & worship, prayer and a liturgy that will leave them inspired and challenged to live as missionary disciples in their homes, schools, parishes and communities.

New for Youth Day 2026! The event will now serve youth in middle school (6-8th grade) and high school (9-12th grade). There will be programming that will be specifically designed for youth in high school and a separate experience designed with middle school (6-8th grade) youth in mind. The middle school option will have limited capacity. Please make sure to register early!



REGIONAL FORMATION EVENT

LISTEN TEACH SEND



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



Cost: \$70

October 9 & 10, 2025

CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS
9:30am- 4:00pm

**JOIN US TO UNPACK THE NEW USCCB PASTORAL
FRAMEWORK ON YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS**

Hosted by Archdiocese of Los Angeles with the generous support
of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS)

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YOUTH MINISTRY
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¡YA VIENE EL REY!

Advent Workshops for Catechists

Coming to you in November 2025!

Be the first to receive the registration links by signing up for our English Workshop Email Group at: ORELA.flocknote.com/ECWorkshopsEng



Talleres de Adviento para Catequistas

El próximo mes de noviembre 2025...

Sea el primero en recibir los enlaces de inscripción registrándose en nuestro grupo de correo electrónico del taller de español en ORELA.flocknote.com/CPTalleresSpa

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