



News from the Office of Religious Education

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

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January - February

2026



Registration for the 70th Annual Los Angeles Religious Education Congress is now open!

We invite you to join us February 19-22, 2026 at the Anaheim Convention Center for an inspiring four-day experience of prayer, learning, and community. Visit our website to explore this year's speakers and workshops, view the schedule, book your hotel, and more!

Register early and save:

- Youth Day: \$45 before January 23 (\$50 after)
- Adult Days: \$80 before January 23 (\$90 after)
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Don't miss this milestone year of faith, connection, and celebration

New This Year: Youth Day is excited to introduce a **Middle School option** for participants in **grades 6-8!**

For the **Adult Days**, we're pleased to offer several new opportunities for formation and connection:

- A **Priest Track** for ordained Priests and Bishops which promises spiritual renewal, skill building, and networking.
- A **Campus Ministry Track** designed for those serving on the frontlines of faith and higher education.
- A **Music and Liturgy Track** offering practical skills, fresh approaches, and a deeper foundation for meaningful liturgical worship.

Upcoming Events

January 6 - Liturgia y Palabra de Dios: Tiempo Ordinario

January 7 - Changing Seasons: Ordinary Time

January 17 - AMS: Methodology in Catechesis and Faith Development

January 24 - CBI Bible Talks: Hastening the Kingdom (2 Peter 3:11-13)

February 7 - Lent Workshop for Catechists

February 10 - IBC: Liturgia y Palabra de Dios: Cuaresma

February 11 - Changing Seasons: Lent

February 12 - Taller de Cuaresma para catequistas

February 13 - Lent Workshop for Catechist

February 19 - RECongress Youth Day

February 20 - 22 - RECongress Adult Days

March 17 - Liturgia y Palabra de Dios: Pascua

March 18 - Changing Seasons: Easter

March 28 - Bible Talks: The Psalms of Lament

April 25 - Bible Talks: Liturgical Music as a Means of Biblical Interpretation

May 23 - Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, and the Christian Life

June 22 - 25 - CBI Summer Bible Series

June 27 - CBI Summer Bible Retreat

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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 23

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 23

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2026 RECONGRESS PRIEST TRACK

SPECIAL SESSIONS ON FRIDAY EXCLUSIVE TO ORDAINED PRIESTS ONLY

- 1-02** Seven Keys to Christ-Centered Collaboration
- 2-02** Cultivating a Rhythm of Priestly Life & Ministry
- 3-02** Changing Lives and Communities Through Priestly Governance

REGISTRATION INCLUDES

FREE Lunch Voucher for Friday
Entrance to Exhibit Hall
Workshops Saturday and Sunday

PRICE \$80 before Jan. 23, 2026 for priests outside the LA Archdiocese.
ADLA priests use code AD022026 for discounted rate.

Register online at recongress.org/register

If you have any questions, please contact
Janine Solano at jsolano@la-archdiocese.org
or 213-637-7469





2026 RECONGRESS TALLERES PARA SACERDOTES

TALLERES EXCLUSIVOS EL VIERNES PARA SACERDOTES ORDENADOS ÚNICAMENTE

1-52 CUIDAR AL QUE CUIDA: EL ARTE DEL AUTOCUIDADO SACERDOTAL

2-52 EL CORAZÓN DE PASTOR: CORRESPONSABILIDAD EN LA MISIÓN ENCOMENDADA

3-52 EL SACERDOCIO, ORIGEN Y CONTINUIDAD

REGISTRACION INCLUYE

BOLETO PARA EL ALMUERZO
ENTRADA A SALA DE EXPOSICIONES
TALLERES EL SÁBADO Y DOMINGO

TARIFA DE \$80 Hasta el 23 de enero 2026 para sacerdotes fuera del Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles. Los sacerdotes del Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles pueden usar Código promocional AD022026 para precio con descuento.

Regístrese en línea en
es.recongress.org/registrarse-1

Si tiene alguna pregunta, póngase en contacto con
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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.

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!



"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.



Stay connected
with 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?



Conéctese con nosotros!



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HIGHLIGHTS

Upcoming events and resources

Connecting Scripture



and Life

Hosted by Barbara Murphy
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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

Catholic Bible Institute

From Sinai



to Bethlehem

Hosted by Barbara Murphy & Rabbi Jason Fruithandler

Listen now on



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Summer Bible 2026

SAVE THE DATES

Talk Nights: June 22 - 25, 2025 at 7pm - 8:30 pm

Retreat: June 27

In-Person. All evening talks are in the church.

Incarnation Catholic Church

1001 N. Brand Ave. Glendale, CA 91202

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lacatholics.org/CBI





BIBLE TALK SERIES

The Catholic Bible Institute's Bible Talks Series brings teachers of Scripture to people in the pews. Their love and passion for the Bible helps guide us all into a deeper relationship with Jesus so that we will go and make disciples of the world. Please join us for these wonderful talks with exceptional teachers who have dedicated their professions and lives to the word of God. All talks via Zoom. Join us for FREE!!

October 22, 2025 - Wednesday, 7pm - 8:30 pm PST

The Prophet Jeremiah

January 24, 2026 - Saturday, 9 am - 10:30 am PST

Hastening the Kingdom (2 Peter 3:11-13)



March 28, 2026 - Saturday, 9 am - 10:30 am PST

The Psalms of Lament: Prayers for Hard Times

April 25, 2026 - Saturday, 9 am - 10:30 am PST

"I Treasure your Word in my Heart": Liturgical Music as a Means of Biblical Interpretation

May 23, 2026 - Saturday, 9 am - 10:30 am PST

Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, and the Christian Life



ONLINE VIA ZOOM

FREE No registration required

Zoom Meeting ID: 973 5493 7723

Passcode: 750566

For more information, contact Barbara Murphy
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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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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**
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ID de Junta Zoom: 988 9997 5295
Clave: 672960



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Journeying with Jesus

2026 Lenten Workshops for Catechists



The Lenten season is a five-week period before Easter, when Christians commemorate the Passion of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, our Lord and Savior. During Lent we are invited to renew our call to discipleship by intensifying our life of prayer, penance, and works of charity towards our brothers and sisters.

This is a hands-on workshop for catechists who minister to children of elementary age and their families. Come and learn creative ideas to help the children and their families live a Lenten season centered in Jesus Christ.

Workshop Features:



Multiple
Locations



In-Person &
Virtual (on Zoom)



Day & Evening
Workshops



Hands-On
Activities



Easy Online
Registration

IN-PERSON WORKSHOP

(Available in English and Spanish)

Saturday, February 7, 2026

9am - 12pm

St. Frances X. Cabrini, Los Angeles

1430 Imperial Hwy.

Los Angeles, CA 90047

4pm - 7pm

St. Agatha, Los Angeles

2646 S Mansfield Ave

Los Angeles CA 90016

ZOOM WORKSHOPS

(Available in English and Spanish)

Thursday, February 12, 2026

7pm - 9pm English

Friday, February 13, 2026

7pm - 9pm Spanish

REGISTER TODAY

Register online for any of our Lent Workshops

<https://archla.org/2026lentenworkshops>

Cost:

\$25 Early Bird **(by Jan 30)** \$35 Late Registration

Limited space, register early!

For more information, contact

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Caminando con Jesús

Taller de Cuaresma 2026 para Catequistas

El Tiempo de Cuaresma es un período de cinco semanas antes de la Pascua, cuando los cristianos conmemoramos la Pasión de Jesucristo, el Mesías, nuestro Señor y Salvador. Durante la Cuaresma estamos invitados a renovar nuestro llamado al discipulado intensificando nuestra vida de oración, penitencia y obras de caridad hacia nuestros hermanos y hermanas.

Este es un taller práctico para catequistas que hacen ministerio con niños y niñas de la edad primaria. Ven y aprende ideas creativas para ayudar a los niños y a sus familias a vivir una temporada de Cuaresma centrada en Jesucristo.

Nuestros talleres ofrecen...



Talleres de día y por la tarde/noche



Opciones en persona y virtual (por Zoom)



Varios centros



Actividades manuales



Inscripción fácil en línea

TALLERES EN PERSONA

Disponible en Español e inglés

Sábado, 7 de febrero, 2026

9am - 12pm

St. Frances X. Cabrini, Los Angeles

1430 Imperial Hwy.

Los Angeles, CA 90047

4pm - 7pm

St. Agatha, Los Angeles

2646 S Mansfield Ave

Los Angeles CA 90016

TALLERES POR ZOOM

Disponible en Español e inglés

Jueves, 12 de febrero, 2026

7pm - 9pm Inglés

Viernes, 13 de febrero, 2026

7pm - 9pm Español

INSCRÍBASE HOY

¡Espacio limitado, inscríbase a tiempo!

Visite la Tienda ADLA para más información.

<https://archla.org/2026lentworkshops>

Costo: \$25 Inscripción temprana (*hasta 30 de enero*)

\$35 Inscripción tardía

Para más información,

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