

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FR CHRIS PONNET, REC 2015

All the speakers look wonderful; speakers with pictures are my first choice and others are recommended.

Saturday Keynote

Pastor Rick Warren

Saturday, March 14, 2015, 8:30 am

"Transformation and Our Inner Desire for God" (*)



Transformation: Enter a journey of discovery that speaks of survival, success, significance including mountain top experiences and deep valley moments. Pastor Rick Warren will invite us to SEE in new ways and address the role of the community and parish in this transformational process.

Dr. Rick Warren is a global strategist, philanthropist, pastor and author. His most recent book, "The Purpose Driven Life," has sold more than 30 million copies in English and is published in more than 50 languages. In 1980, he founded Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, Calif. Today, it has more than 100,000 names on the church roll, a 120-acre campus, and over 300 ministries.

Sunday English Address

Diana Macalintal

Sunday, March 15, 2015, 8:30 am

"Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord" (*)



Has the mystery of faith become a bit too mysterious? Do your parishioners' eyes glaze over when you try to explain what we believe? Look no further for an answer than your baptism when all the baptized received the ability to see the mystery and goodness of God right in front of us. Rediscover this power and learn how to use it to help others really see God's presence in their daily lives.

Diana Macalintal is Director of Worship for the Diocese of San Jose, Calif. She holds a Master of Arts in Theology, cum laude, from Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minn. She has served as a liturgist, music and catechumenate director in campus, parish and diocesan ministries for over 25 years and has authored numerous articles on liturgy, music and the catechumenate.

Sunday Spanish Address Asamblea General

Dra. María Pilar Aquino

Domingo, 15 de marzo de 2015, 8:30 am

"Ver al mundo: Prácticas de gratitud" (*)



En base a una comprensión teológica de la gratitud, esta sesión propone que el fomento de la gratitud abre oportunidades, tanto para a firmar valores religiosos en beneficio de la convivencia social, como para intervenir constructivamente en la transformación de situaciones adversas.

Dra. María Pilar Aquino es Profesora de Teología y Estudios Religiosos en la Universidad de San Diego en California. Tienes más de 30 años de trabajo como profesora universitaria y conferencista en prominentes foros nacionales e internacionales. Actualmente Dra. Aquino presta servicios profesionales en el comité de nominaciones de la Sociedad Teológica Católica de América, en el comité editorial de varias revistas teológicas internacionales, y en el comité internacional de asesoría al Foro Mundial de Teología y Liberación, Consejo Permanente del Foro Social Mundial.



Clarissa Valbuena Aljentera

[English] Topic(s): Young Adult Ministry

1-01: I Am Over Facebook! Exploring Other Social Media Sites to Help Parish Leaders Remain Relevant
4-01: The Write Way! Using Creative Writing as a Way to Access Prayer and Spirituality



John Angotti

[English] Topic(s): Catechesis/Evangelization

7-18: Pope Francis and the Joy of the Good News (*)



John Allen Jr.

[English] Topic(s): Ecclesiology

5-01: All Things Catholic: What's Hot and What's Not in the Global Church (*)

7-01: The Francis Mission: Progress Report on a Populist Pope and His Historic Reform (*)

Dr. Maria Pilar Aquino

[Spanish] Topic(s): Women's Issues

5-51: Ver al mundo: Las mujeres construyendo la paz (*)

KEY: Ver al mundo: Prácticas de gratitud (*)



Laura Ash
[English] Topic(s): Liturgy/Music
2-03: Dancing with the Saints (*)



Grayson Warren Brown
[English] Topic(s): Parish Leadership & Spirituality/Prayer
4-03: Many Spokes, One Center (*)
8-03: The Transformative Power of Faith (*)

Dr. Ansel Augustine
[English] Topic(s): Youth Day & Multicultural Youth Day: B - Real Talk: The Power of Prayer
1-03: Catholicism through a Black Lens: 30th Anniversary Discussion of the Bishop's Document "What We Have Seen and Heard" (*)



Rev. James Clarke, PhD
[English] Topic(s): Spirituality/Prayer
7-04: Seeing Reality with a Double Vision (*)



Msgr. Arturo Bañuelas
[English & Spanish] Topic(s): Theology
3-52: "Ver" como los profetas y místicos (*)
5-03: How Prophets and Mystics "See" (*)



Jeanne Cotter
[English] Topic(s): Spirituality/Prayer
5-07: The Old Gravel Road: Storytelling and Song from the Heartland



Fr. Christopher Bazyouros
[English] Topic(s): Spirituality/Prayer
7-02: Many Paths, One Lord, One Family of Faith (*)



Rev. Allan Deck, SJ
[Spanish] Topic(s): Adult Education
2-52: La Formación Religiosa de Adultos en "Evangelii Gaudium" (*)

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA
[English] Topic(s): Scripture
4-02: Women in the Old Testament: Then and Now (*)
6-02: Women and the Word: Bridging the Gap (*)

Dr. Roberto Dell'Oro
[English & Spanish] Topic(s): Morality
4-04: At The Heart of Christian Ethics: Pope Francis and the Tenderness of God (*)
7-52: Al centro de la ética cristiana: Papa Francisco y la ternura de Dios (*)



Rev. Gregory Boyle, SJ
[English] Topic(s): Youth Day & Restorative Justice Youth Day: Arena - Barking to the Choir – Now Entering the Kinship of God
4-23: Who Am I to Judge (*)
5-04: Singing the Song Without the Words: Hope, Humility and Ministry to Folks on the Margins (*)

Dr. Katherine DeVries
[English] Topic(s): Young Adult Ministry
3-22: Bereavement Ministry to Young Adults (*)
5-09: Young Adult Ministry, Step by Step (*)



Rev. Benjamín Bravo Perez
[Spanish] Topic(s): Sacraments
3-53: Ritos familiares preparatorios a la primera comunión (*)
5-52: Temas y ritos de paso, o sea, de Pascua en la formación religiosa (*)

Frank DiLallo
[English] Topic(s): Human Growth/Development
1-05: Working with Parents After an Incident of Bullying: A Key Element of Positive School Climate (*)
5-10: Bullying Prevention: Catholic is Evidence-based! (*)



Michele Broemmelsiek
[English] Topic(s): AIDS/HIV & Justice/Peace
5-05: In Sickness and in Health: How the Catholic Church is Confronting HIV and AIDS Around the World (*)
7-03: Serving the World Based on Need Not Creed: Interreligious Collaboration and the New Evangelization (*)



Msgr. Raymond East
[English] Topic(s): Catechesis/Evangelization
7-05: See the Bright Star of Black Catholic Evangelization! (*)



Tom East
 [English] Topic(s): Youth Ministry Track & Confirmation
 3-04: Disciple-building Youth Ministry (*)
 6-09: The Start of Something BIG – Following Through with Newly Confirmed Youth (*)



Theresa Flores, LSW, MS
 [English] Topic(s): Life Issues
 3-08: The Slave Across the Street: Human Trafficking of American Teens (*)
 5-11: How to Break the Chains of Slavery in the United States (*)

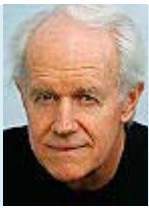


Steven Ellair
 [English] Topic(s): Elementary & Junior High
 3-05: Some Say Learning Can't Be Fun ... Wanna Bet? (*)
 7-06: Awesome Prayer Experiences with Adolescents (*)

Amy Florian
 [English] Topic(s): Human Growth/Development & Life Issues
 2-07: Must We Forgive? Prodigals, Mothers and God (*)
 8-07: A Form of "New Evangelization": A Model for Parish Bereavement Ministry (*)

Fr. Robert Fabing, SJ
 [English] Topic(s): Spirituality/Prayer
 1-07: Are You Living a Spiritual Life?

Rev. Edward Foley, OFM Cap.
 [English] Topic(s): Liturgy/Music
 5-12: New Testament Eucharistic Practice: An Unexplored Resource
 7-08: The Early Church's Practice of Eucharist: A Provocative Treasure



Mike Farrell
 [English] Topic(s): Restorative Justice
 4-23: Who Am I to Judge (*)

Fr. Richard Fragomeni
 [English] Topic(s): Sacraments & Liturgy/Music
 2-08: When We Say We Are Afraid of Dying, of What Are We Afraid? A Christian Understanding of Life and Death (*)
 4-05: Seven Questions About the Sacraments That You Were Always Afraid to Ask (*)

Rev. Eduardo Fernandez, SJ
 [English & Spanish] Topic(s): Spirituality/Prayer
 1-53: El arte en la religiosidad popular: una puerta sagrada al encuentro con Dios y su pueblo santo (*)
 4-52: Sacramentos como puertas a lo sagrado y como ritos de pasaje (*)
 7-07: Art and Hispanic Popular Piety: Doors to the Sacred (*)



Dan Friedt
 [English] Topic(s): Elementary & Media/Technology
 2-09: Leadership and Social Justice: How Catholic Schools Can Change Our World (*)
 6-11: Teachers, Transformation and Technology: How Teachers Help Student Leaders Change the World (*)



Rudolf Finke
 [Spanish] Topic(s): Sexuality
 5-54: Puntos centrales de la educación sexual en la catequesis (*)

Fr. Garrett Galvin, OFM
 [English] Topic(s): Scripture
 7-10: The Faith of Ruth, Esther and Judith: Hidden Gems of the Bible and Pope Francis (*)



Fr. Michael Fish, OSB, Cam
 [English] Topic(s): Spirituality/Prayer
 3-06: Stalking the Gap (*)



Dr. Greer Gordon
 [English] Topic(s): Adult Education & Theology
 3-11: No Exemptions: Servant Leadership
 7-11: Justice and the Table: Eucharistic Spirituality



Arthur Fitzmaurice, PhD
 [English] Topic(s): Gay/Lesbian Ministry
 3-07: Catholic Ethics Concerning Acceptance of Gay and Lesbian Persons (*)
 6-10: Joy of the Gospel for Lesbian and Gay Catholics in the Time of Pope Francis (*)



Dr. Thomas H. Groome
 [English] Topic(s): Catechesis/Evangelization
 3-12: Feeding the Hungers: The Hopes for Youth Catechesis and Theology (*)
 4-06: The New Evangelization – One Person at a Time (*)



Rev. David **Guffey**, CSC
 [English] Topic(s): Family
 1-10: "We Want Better Choices:" Family and Faith-based Media in Hollywood Today (*)



David **Haas**
 [English] Topic(s): Liturgy/Music
 3-13: We Don't Sing AT the Liturgy – We SING the Liturgy!
 4-07: God Is Everywhere! A Celebration of Sung Prayer, Unity, Inclusion and Mission

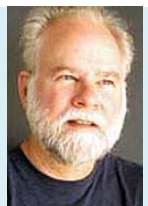


Marty **Haugen**
 [English] Topic(s): Liturgy/Music
 6-13: Worship Transforming the World: Seeing, Singing and Serving the Reign of God

Lisa **Hendey**
 [English] Topic(s): Media/Technology
 2-11: Effective Online Evangelization (*)
 5-17: Selfies and Souls: Nurturing the Domestic Church in the Digital Age (*)

Fr. Daniel **Horan**, OFM
 [English] Topic(s): Spirituality/Prayer & Theology
 4-10: Incarnation Anyway: The Christology of St. Francis and Thomas Merton (*)
 8-08: Franciscan Spirituality Today: A New Way of Seeing the World! (*)

Bill **Huebsch**
 [English] Topic(s): Adult Education
 1-12: Seeing Jesus: The Master Catechist (*)
 4-11: See Anew: The Joy of Just Living (*)



Bob **Hurd**, PhD
 [English] Topic(s): Liturgy/Music
 7-13: The Psalms and the Catechesis of the Heart



Vallimar **Jansen**
 [English] Topic(s): Women's Issues & Catechesis
 2-12: "See! Ver!" Music, Spirituality and Catechesis: A Celestial Trio (*)
 5-16: More Mothers, Mystics, Martyrs and Models of Faith (*)



Jack **Jezreel**
 [English] Topic(s): Justice/Peace
 3-16: A New Way to Be Church: Rethinking Parish Life from the Outside In
 5-18: From Here to Pope Francis: A Tool to Help Parishes Become "Completely Mission-Oriented"



Rev. Felix **Just**, SJ, PhD
 [English] Topic(s): Scripture
 2-13: "Lord, Let Me See!" – Letting Blind Bartimaeus Help Us (*)

Tom **Kendzia**
 [English] Topic(s): Liturgy/Music
 4-15: Sacred Music for Liturgy and Catechesis



Rev. Michael **Kennedy**, SJ
 [English] Topic(s): Spirituality/Prayer
 8-12: Jesuit Mysticism, Pope Francis and Compassion (*)



Liam **Lawton**
 [English] Topic(s): Spirituality/Prayer & Liturgy/Music
 3-17: Eternal is His Love
 5-07: The Old Gravel Road: Storytelling and Song from the Heartland



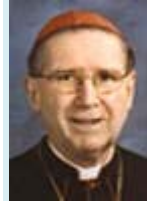
Douglas **Leal**
 [English] Topic(s): Adult Education
 7-14: Who Do You See at the Center? Creating a Culture of Adult Faith Formation (*)



Rev. Pedro **López**
 [Spanish] Topic(s): Catechumenate/RCIA
 2-54: RICA: Iniciación en la fe y renovación de la Iglesia (*)



Rabbi Michael **Lotker**
 [English] Topic(s): Ecumenism/Interreligious
 1-15: What Every Serious Christian Should Know About Judaism (*)



Cardinal Roger **Mahony**
 [English] Topic(s): Justice/Peace
 4-16: Walking Tall with Our Immigrant Brothers and Sisters (*)



Rev. Matthew **Malone**, SJ
 [English] Topic(s): Media/Technology
 3-18: Communicating our Faith: The Intersection of Faith and Media in the 21st Century (*)
 8-13: New Media and the New Evangelization (*)



William **Portillo**
 [Spanish] Topic(s): Restorative Justice
 2-56: Justicia restauradora (*)



Jesse **Manibusan**
 [English] Topic(s): Multicultural
 7-16: Multicultural Church: Many and One (*)



Katie **Prejean**
 [English] Topic(s): Youth Day & Youth Ministry Track
 Youth Day: Z - Light It Up, Salty
 1-21: Old Wine, New Skins: Teaching an Ever Ancient Faith to an Ever New Generation (*)



Rev. James **Martin**, SJ
 [English] Topic(s): Spirituality/Prayer
 2-20: Who is Jesus? (*)
 6-14: Gospel Laughter (*)



Mary **Prete**
 [English] Topic(s): Young Adult Ministry
 3-22: Bereavement Ministry to Young Adults (20s & 30s) (*)



Rev. Bryan **Massingale**, STD
 [English] Topic(s): Morality
 3-19: Virtues for Adult Christians (*)
 5-20: Catholic Social Thought Post-Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, and ... (*)



Dale **Recinella**, JD, MTS
 [English] Topic(s): Restorative Justice
 3-23: Answering the Most Frequent General Questions About the Death Penalty (*)
 6-18: Answering the Most Frequent Catholic Questions About the Death Penalty (*)



Dr. Patricia **McCormack**, IHM
 [English] Topic(s): Family
 3-20: Create a Family Culture of Spirituality (*)
 5-21: Catechetical Leaders – Agents of Formative Parenting (*)



Susan **Recinella**, PsyD
 [English] Topic(s): Restorative Justice
 3-23: Answering the Most Frequent General Questions About the Death Penalty (*)
 6-18: Answering the Most Frequent Catholic Questions About the Death Penalty (*)

Bro. Michael O'Neill **McGrath**
 [English] Topic(s): Catechesis/Evangelization
 7-18: Pope Francis and the Joy of the Good News (*)



Fr. Thomas **Reese**, SJ
 [English] Topic(s): Ecclesiology
 3-24: Pope Francis: A Two-Year Evaluation
 7-20: Religious Freedom in the United States and Abroad



Dr. Megan **McKenna**
 [English] Topic(s): Spirituality/Prayer
 1-16: See Your Way Clear (*)
 5-22: Look Out! Watch Where You're Going! (*)

Sr. Barbara **Reid**, OP, PhD
 [English] Topic(s): Scripture
 4-21: Jesus as Footwasher & the Leadership of Pope Francis (*)
 5-24: Three Lucan Parables of Divine Healing and Mercy (*)



Fr. Chris **Ponnet**
 [English] Topic(s): Gay/Lesbian Ministry
 6-10: Joy of the Gospel for Lesbian and Gay Catholics in the Time of Pope Francis (*)



Fr. R. Tony **Ricard**, MTh, MDiv
 [English] Topic(s): Catechesis/Evangelization
 6-19: Story Time with Uncle Fr. Tony: Bringing the Scriptures to Life (*)
 7-21: Why Should I Feel Discouraged? Facing the Disappointments of Ministry While Singing Hallelujah (*)



Rt. Rev. Alexei **Smith**
 [English] Topic(s): Ecumenism/Interreligious
 5-27: Islamic and Christian Studies (*)



Christopher **Walker**
 [English] Topic(s): Elementary &
 Catechesis/Evangelization
 3-09: " 'Come and SEE,' " said Jesus – Celebrating
 Prayer Rituals with Children (*)
 6-24: "Lord, I SEE! – Can I Sing About It?" (*)

Dr. Daniel **Smith-Christopher**
 [English] Topic(s): Scripture
 1-23: The Political Bones: A Mexican Reading of
 Ezekiel 37? (*)
 8-20: Sleeping with the Enemy? Esther, Judith and
 Sexualized Politics in the Old Testament (*)

Ben **Walther**
 [English] Topic(s): Youth Ministry Track
 8-18: A Call to "A Church That is Poor": Re-imagining
 Youth Ministry through Pope Francis (*)



Rev. Robert **Spitzer**, SJ, PhD
 [English] Topic(s): Life Issues & Spirituality
 3-26: Happiness, Suffering and the Love of God (*)
 7-22: The Life Issues in Light of the Fundamental
 Principles of Justice (*)



Pastor Rick **Warren**
 [English] Topic(s): Keynote
 KEY: Transformation and Our Inner Desire for God
 (*)



Javier **Stauring**
 [English] Topic(s): Restorative Justice
 4-23: Who Am I to Judge (*)



John **West**, Obl. OSB, MEd, MA
 [English] Topic(s): Liturgy/Music
 4-26: See the Beauty and Dance a Song of Praise (*)



Michael **Theisen**
 [English] Topic(s): Family & Youth Ministry Track
 4-25: The Five Things Every Parent Needs From the
 Church (*)
 5-26: Get Your Game On! Engaging Young People in
 Their Own Learning Process (*)



Rev. Thomas **Weston**, SJ
 [English] Topic(s): Life Issues
 1-28: Freedom, Community, Sobriety: The Gifts of
 the 12 Steps (*)
 8-24: Europe 1914-1918: The Roots of Our Present
 Misery (*)



Jihad **Turk**
 [English] Topic(s): Ecumenism/Interreligious
 5-27: Islamic and Christian Studies (*)
 8-21: Mary and Jesus in Islam and the Qur'an (*)



Dr. C. Vanessa **White**
 [English] Topic(s): Multicultural & Spirituality/Prayer
 6-27: Black Spirituality – We are Marching in the
 Light of God (*)
 8-25: You Cared for Me (*)



Victor **Valenzuela**
 [English & Spanish] Topic(s): Elementary
 3-57: Comunicándonos con lo sagrado: 10 ideas
 creativas usando símbolos de la religión popular
 para la catequesis (*)
 6-23: An Invitation to Conversion: 7 Practical Ideas
 to Invigorate the Sacraments (*)



Dionne **Wilson**
 [English] Topic(s): Restorative Justice
 4-23: Who Am I to Judge (*)



Fr. Richard **Vega**
 [Spanish] Topic(s): Catechumenate/Initiation
 8-58: Ver y proclamar (*)



Bro. Rufino **Zaragoza**
 [Vietnamese] Topic(s): Vietnamese
 5-70: Vietnamese Workshop (Music and the Mass:
 The Assembly, the Choir and Second-generation
 Youth)

First number in session ID is the Period. Periods 1-3 are on Friday; periods 4-6 are on Saturday; periods 7-8 are on Sunday. An asterisk () indicates that session will be recorded (available on Audio CD or downloadable mp3 file).*