



## 2016 RECongress Speakers

### Religious Education Congress

February 25, 2016 (Youth Day)

February 26-28, 2016

All the speakers at Congress look amazing. Most are connecting with Pope Francis and Year of Mercy. These are workshops I recommend for your consideration. Code at Right Column: General Spirituality=S Chaplaincy=C Gay/Lesbian Ministry=GL Pax Christi/Consistent Life=PJ Death Penalty/Justice=DJ See you at our booths! Fr Chris Ponnet

#### Saturday Keynote



**Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ**  
Saturday, February 27, 2016, 8:30 am  
"Boundless Mercy and the Compassion of Christ" (\*)

DJ

#### Sunday English Address



**Fr. James L. Heft, SM**  
Sunday, February 28, 2016, 8:30 am  
"Pope Francis, the Environment and U.S. Politics" (\*)

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#### Sunday Spanish Address Asamblea General



**Hna. Maria del Carmen Bracamontes Ayón, OSB**  
Domingo, 28 de febrero de 2016, 8:30 am  
"Sexualidad y afectividad en la vida cristiana" (\*)

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**John Allen Jr.**  
**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Ecclesiology  
**Workshops: 2**  
[6-02: All Things Catholic: What's Hot and What's Not in the Global Church \(\\*\)](#)  
[7-01: The Global War on Christians: Dispatches from the Front Lines \(Arena\) \(\\*\)](#)

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**David Anderson**  
**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Liturgy/Music  
**Workshops: 1**  
[2-04: Bringing the Music and Spirit of Taizé to Your Community](#)

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**Fr. Gregory Boyle, SJ**  
**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Restorative Justice  
**Workshops: 2**  
[2-01: Be Fearless for Me: Courage and the Gospel of the Marginalized \(Arena\) \(\\*\)](#)  
[4-22: Forgive Us Our Trespases as We Execute Those Who Trespass Against Us? \(\\*\)](#)

DJ



**Sr. Maria del Carmen Bracamontes Ayón, OSB**  
**Language:** Spanish **Topic(s):** Sexuality & Spirituality  
**Workshops: 2**  
[5-52: Sexualidad y afectividad en la vida cristiana \(\\*\)](#)  
Asamblea (Domingo): La Misericordia: Un don entrañable que recrea la vida (\*)

GL



Bishop Edward **Braxton**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Multicultural

**Workshops:** 1

[7-02: The Racial Divide in the United States \(\\*\)](#)

PJ



Caroline **Brennan**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Justice/Peace

**Workshops:** 1

[4-04: The Church in Action: A Field Update from Today's Top Humanitarian Emergencies](#)

[7-03: From the Frontlines of Crises: Humanitarian Emergencies Through the Lens of Women](#)

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Fr. James **Clarke**

**Language:** English & Spanish **Topic(s):** Spirituality

**Workshops:** 2

[2-52: Los cambios de la vida: ¿Nadar o luchar? \(\\*\)](#)

[5-09: Life Changes: Swim or Struggle? \(\\*\)](#)

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Jeanne **Cotter**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Liturgy/Music

**Workshops:** 1

[2-09: Crossing the Sacred Threshold: Mindfulness in the Dying Season](#)

[5-01: Songs of Mercy \(Arena\) \(\\*\)](#)

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Rev. Allan Figueroa **Deck, SJ**

**Language:** Spanish **Topic(s):** Adult Education

**Workshops:** 1

[3-55: Fuentes latinoamericanas y Jesuitas del ministerio del Papa Francisco \(\\*\)](#)

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Dr. Roberto **Dell'Oro**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Morality

**Workshops:** 1

[4-08: "Aid in Dying" and the Ethics of Physician-Assisted Suicide \(\\*\)](#)

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Fr. Luke **Dysinger, OSB, MD, PhD**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Sexuality

**Workshops:** 1

[6-07: God's Gift of Intimacy: A Catholic Understanding of Human Sexuality \(\\*\)](#)

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Msgr. Raymond **East**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Catechesis/Evangelization

**Workshops:** 1

[5-11: Mercy in the Street and in the Home \(\\*\)](#)

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Sr. Catherine O. **Encarnacion, MM**

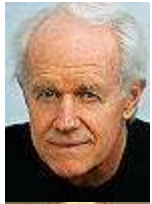
**Language:** Spanish **Topic(s):** Spirituality

**Workshops:** 2

[2-53: Cuidemos la tierra \(\\*\)](#)

[7-53: Espiritualidad de la creación \(\\*\)](#)

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**Mike Farrell**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Restorative Justice

**Workshops:** 1

[4-22: Forgive Us Our Trespases as We Execute Those Who Trespass Against Us? \(\\*\)](#)

DJ



**David Fields**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Justice/Peace

**Workshops:** 1

[3-08: God's Mercy Alive Through Ministry to the Poor \(\\*\)](#)

PJ



**Arthur Fitzmaurice, PhD**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** LGBT Ministry

**Workshops:** 3

[3-09: Love Is Our Mission with LGBT Catholics: Church and Family Fully Alive \(\\*\)](#)

[5-12: Transgender in the Church: One Bread, One Body \(\\*\)](#)

[7-06: Identity with Integrity: Journeys of LGBT Catholics \(\\*\)](#)

GL



**Theresa Flores**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Youth Day (Human Trafficking)

**Workshops:** 1

[Youth Day: K - A Bar of SOAP HOPE ... Human Trafficking: What It Is and How to Fight It!](#)

PJ



**Amy Florian**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Life Issues

**Workshops:** 2

[3-10: A Friend Indeed: Helping Someone in Grief \(\\*\)](#)

[7-09: Live Fully While You Live – Pass On a Legacy When You Die \(\\*\)](#)

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**Fr. Richard Fragomeni**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Liturgy/Music & Sacraments

**Workshops:** 2

[1-05: The Newly Revised and Translated Rite of Marriage: A Way to Celebrate Love, Communion and Covenant \(\\*\)](#)

[5-13: The Sacrament of Boundless Mercy: Pondering the Seven Gifts of the Eucharist \(\\*\)](#)

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**Dan Friedt**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Parish Leadership

**Workshops:** 2

[1-06: Teachers, Transformation and Technology: Teachers Guiding Students to Change Our World \(\\*\)](#)

[6-12: Leadership and Social Justice: How Catholic Parishes and Schools Can Change Our World \(\\*\)](#)

PJ



**Dr. Richard Gaillardetz**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Ecclesiology & Young Adult Ministry

**Workshops:** 2

[4-10: The Challenge Still Before Us: Implementing Vatican II with Pope Francis \(\\*\)](#)

[5-14: Why You Always Marry the Wrong Person: Toward a Practical Spirituality of Marriage \(\\*\)](#)

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**Fr. Rob Galea**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Human Growth/Development

**Workshops:** 2

[3-11: My Journey from Teen Rebellion, Depression and Addiction, to Priesthood](#)

[8-09: Jesus and "The X Factor" \(\\*\)](#)

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Greer **Gordon**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Adult Education

**Workshops:** 2

[1-07: Loving God: A Sacrifice of Praise](#)

[7-12: Leading in Grace: Serving God](#)

GL



Richard **Groves**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Life Issues

**Workshops:** 2

[4-13: Soul & Science of Healing: Bridge Between Ministry and the Healing Arts \(\\*\)](#)

[8-11: Deep Change: Meeting God During Time of Transition and Failure \(\\*\)](#)

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Rev. Walter **Guerra-Calderon**

**Language:** Spanish **Topic(s):** Justice/Peace

**Workshops:** 2

[5-57: Justicia y misericordia: Formación sistemática en la vida de la Iglesia \(\\*\)](#)

[8-54: Monseñor Romero: Su predilección por los pobres \(\\*\)](#)

PJ



Marty **Haugen**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Stewardship

**Workshops:** 2

[5-01: Songs of Mercy \(Arena\)](#)

[8-13: Laudato Si': Singing and Praying the Cantic of Creation with Francis](#)

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Fr. James **Heft, SM**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Morality

**Workshops:** 1

Sunday Address: Pope Francis, the Environment and U.S. Politics (\*)

PJ



Fr. Perry **Henry, CM**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Justice/Peace

**Workshops:** 1

[3-08: God's Mercy Alive Through Ministry to the Poor \(\\*\)](#)

PJ



Wil **Hernandez, PhD, Obl OSB**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Spirituality/Prayer

**Workshops:** 1

[6-15: Mere Spirituality: The Spiritual Life According to Henri Nouwen](#)

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Prof. Le Xuan **Hy, PhD**

**Language:** Vietnamese **Topic(s):** Vietnamese

**Workshops:** 2

[1-70: Vietnamese Workshop \(The Vietnamese Martyrs: Witnesses to God's Boundless Mercy\) \(\\*\)](#)

[6-70: Vietnamese Workshop \(Vietnamese-American Families and Communities Learning from the Vietnamese Martyrs\) \(\\*\)](#)

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Fr. Felix **Just, SJ, PhD**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Scripture

**Workshops:** 1

[7-14: What Does the Bible Really Say About "Mercy"? \(\\*\)](#)

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Anne Kertz **Kernion**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Spirituality/Prayer

**Workshops:** 1

[3-16: Neuroscience and Contemplative Practices \(\\*\)](#)

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Liam **Lawton**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Spirituality/Prayer & Liturgy/Music

**Workshops:** 2

[5-01: Songs of Mercy \(Arena\)](#)

[8-15: The Celtic Heart of Mercy](#)

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Douglas **Leal**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Adult Education

**Workshops:** 2

[2-16: Mission-centered Ministry: What Difference Does Our Mission Make? \(\\*\)](#)

[6-17: Gratitude as a Spiritual Practice: Opening to Boundless Mercy \(\\*\)](#)

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Jesse **Manibusan**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Multicultural

**Workshops:** 1

[5-18: Reaching the Marginalized \(\\*\)](#)

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Fr. James **Martin, SJ**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Media & Young Adult Ministry

**Workshops:** 3

[2-18: Ever Ancient, Ever New: New Media for the New Evangelization \(\\*\)](#)

[4-01: The Abbey \(Arena\) \(\\*\)](#)

7-16: Meeting Jesus (\*)

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Fr. Bryan **Massingale, STD**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Morality

**Workshops:** 3

[1-15: The "Culture of Encounter" and Social Justice \(\\*\)](#)

[3-18: Black and Catholic: The Gift and Challenge Today \(\\*\)](#)

5-12: Transgender in the Church: One Bread, One Body (\*)

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Rabbi Michael **Meyersohn**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Ecumenical/Interreligious

**Workshops:** 1

[8-17: The Spiritual Bridge: Moses to Jesus \(\\*\)](#)

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Dr. Megan **McKenna**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Spirituality/Prayer

**Workshops:** 2

[2-20: The Names of God \(\\*\)](#)

[4-19: "The Quality of Mercy Is Not Strain'd" \(\\*\)](#)

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Fr. J. Patrick **Mullen**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Scripture

**Workshops:** 2

[1-16: Catch Me Lord! I'm Falling: The New Testament on Peter \(\\*\)](#)

[5-19: Renewing the Face of the Earth: Scriptural Support for "Laudato Si'" \(\\*\)](#)

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Rev. Peter **Neeley**, SJ  
**Language:** Spanish **Topic(s):** Justice/Peace  
**Workshops:** 2  
[1-56: Ven a ver la Misericordia de Dios en la frontera \(\\*\)](#)  
[4-57: Jóvenes y la misericordia en la migración \(\\*\)](#)

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Javier **Plascencia**  
**Language:** Spanish **Topic(s):** LGBT Ministry  
**Workshops:** 1  
[6-56: Siempre serán nuestros hijos: Cuidado pastoral para/con los católicos gay y lesbianas en nuestra parroquia, nuestra comunidad y en el hogar \(\\*\)](#)

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Fr. Chris **Ponnet**  
**Language:** English **Topic(s):** LGBT Ministry  
**Workshops:** 1  
[3-09: Love Is Our Mission with LGBT Catholics: Church and Family Fully Alive \(\\*\)](#)

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Sr. Helen **Prejean**, CSJ  
**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Restorative Justice  
**Workshops:** 2  
 Keynote: Boundless Mercy and the Compassion of Christ (\*)  
[5-21: Dead Man Walking: The Journey Continues ... \(\\*\)](#)

DJ



Fr. Thomas **Reese**, SJ  
**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Ecclesiology  
**Workshops:** 2  
[2-24: Pope Francis and the Environment: Caring for Mother Earth and Her Children](#)  
[5-22: Synod on the Family: What Happened, Why It Matters](#)

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Fr. Ronald **Rolheiser**, OMI  
**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Spirituality/Prayer  
**Workshops:** 2  
[1-01: Moral Loneliness in Our Lives and Ministry: The Deeper Reality Beneath Our Longing for a Soul Mate \(Arena\) \(\\*\)](#)  
[6-21: The Second Step in Spirituality: The Deeper Secrets Inside the Gospels \(\\*\)](#)

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Pedro **Rubalcava**  
**Language:** English & Spanish **Topic(s):** Multicultural & Spirituality  
**Workshops:** 2  
[3-52: Ritmo, Oración y Movimiento \(Rhythm, Prayer, Move\) \(\\*\)](#)  
[7-19: Shared Parishes and Intercultural Life \(\\*\)](#)

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Rt. Rev. Alexei **Smith**  
**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Ecumenical/Interreligious  
**Workshops:** 1  
[3-22: The Importance and Beauty of the Eastern Catholic Churches \(\\*\)](#)

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Dr. Daniel **Smith-Christopher**  
**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Scripture  
**Workshops:** 2  
[1-23: The Bible Across Cultures \(\\*\)](#)  
[8-19: Genesis, Evolution and the Image of God \(\\*\)](#)

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Fr. Robert **Spitzer**, SJ, PhD

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Adult Education & Human Growth/Development

**Workshops:** 2

[6-22: Science at the Doorway to God: An Assessment of the Universe, Near-Death Experiences, and the Shroud of Turin \(\\*\)](#)

[7-20: Physician-Assisted Suicide: Responding to a New Problem of Cultural Decline \(\\*\)](#)

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Javier **Stauring**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Restorative Justice

**Workshops:** 1

[4-22: Forgive Us Our Trespases as We Execute Those Who Trespass Against Us? \(\\*\)](#)

DJ



Michael **Theisen**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Family

**Workshops:** 2

[1-25: Francis, Families and the Synod: Where Do We Go From Here? \(\\*\)](#)

[6-23: What Happens When We Accompany Families in Their Faith Journey? \(\\*\)](#)

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Yunuen **Trujillo**

**Language:** Spanish **Topic(s):** LGBT Ministry

**Workshops:** 1

[6-56: Siempre serán nuestros hijos: Cuidado pastoral para/con los católicos gay y lesbianas en nuestra parroquia, nuestra comunidad y en el hogar \(\\*\)](#)

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Jihad **Turk**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Ecumenical/Interreligious

**Workshops:** 1

[4-21: Encountering Islam: Catholics and Muslims and the Challenges of Today \(\\*\)](#)

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Bishop Joseph **Tyson**

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Justice/Peace

**Workshops:** 2

[3-24: Missionaries of Mercy: The Reflection Component of Youth Service Projects \(\\*\)](#)

[4-23: Commuter Spirituality: Lessons Learned from Migrant Workers \(\\*\)](#)

PJ



Fr. Thomas **Weston**, SJ

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Life Issues

**Workshops:** 2

[4-25: The 12 Steps of AA and the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius ... Parallel Paths \(\\*\)](#)

[7-23: Augustine of Hippo: A Person of Faith in a Time of Crisis and Confusion \(\\*\)](#)

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Dr. Jaena **Wisniewski**, MD

**Language:** English **Topic(s):** Life Issues

**Workshops:** 1

[2-09: Crossing the Sacred Threshold: Mindfulness in the Dying Season \(\\*\)](#)

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Luigi **Zanotto**

**Language:** Spanish **Topic(s):** Adult Education

**Workshops:** 2

[6-59: Lectura hispano-catequética de "Laudato Si'" del papa Francisco \(\\*\)](#)

[7-59: 2016: Un año decisivo para la comunidad hispana de los Estados Unidos \(\\*\)](#)

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