



Serra Ministry Conference

Conferencia Ministerial Serra
Diocese of Monterey

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1. Aptos, Resurrection Church
2. Arroyo Grande, St. Patrick's Church
3. Atascadero, St. William's Church
4. Boulder Creek, St. Michael's Church
5. Cambria, Santa Rosa Church
6. Capitola, St. Joseph's Church
7. Carmel, Carmel Mission Basilica Church
8. Carmel Valley, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
9. Castroville, Our Lady of Refuge Church
10. Cayucos, St. Joseph's Church
11. Corralitos, Holy Eucharist Church
12. Davenport, St. Vincent de Paul Church
13. Felton, St. John's Church
14. Gonzales, St. Theodore's Church
15. Greenfield, Holy Trinity Church
16. Hollister, Sacred Heart Church
17. Hollister, St. Benedict's Church
18. Jolon, San Antonio Mission Church
19. King City, St. John the Baptist Church
20. Los Gatos, Christ Child Church
21. Los Osos, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
22. Marina, St. Jude's Church
23. Monterey, San Carlos Cathedral The Royal Presidio Chapel
24. Morro Bay, St. Timothy's Church
25. Nipomo, St. Joseph's Church
26. Pacific Grove, St. Angela Merici Church
27. Paso Robles, St. Rose of Lima Church
28. Pismo Beach, St. Paul the Apostle Church
29. Salinas, Cristo Rey Church
30. Salinas, Madonna del Sasso Church
31. Salinas, Sacred Heart Church
32. Salinas, St. Mary of the Nativity Church
33. San Juan Bautista, Old Mission Church
34. San Luis Obispo, Old Mission Church
35. San Luis Obispo, Nativity of Our Lady Church
36. San Miguel, Old Mission Church
37. Santa Cruz, Holy Cross Church
38. Santa Cruz, Our Lady Star of the Sea
39. Santa Margarita, Santa Margarita de Cortona Church
40. Scotts Valley, San Agustin Church
41. Seaside, St. Francis Xavier Church
42. Soledad, Our Lady of Solitude Church
43. Spreckels, St. Joseph's Church
44. Tres Piños, Immaculate Conception Church
45. Watsonville, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
46. Watsonville, Our Lady of the Assumption Church
47. Watsonville, St. Patrick's Church
48. Eastern Rite, Eparchy of Phoenix, St. Anne Byzantine Catholic Church
49. Shrine of St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer

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Welcome from the Planning Committee

The Serra Ministry Conference is a collaborative effort among many Diocese of Monterey departments. The Planning Committee would like to sincerely thank Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia, Bishop of Monterey; Deacon David Ford, Chancellor and Director of Pastoral Ministries; and the Diocesan Administrative Team for supporting the conference.

Thank you to each of our attendees for your joyful participation in this conference. We appreciate the many gifts you share with the people of God in the Diocese of Monterey. We wish many blessings upon you in your ministries!

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Bienvenida de parte del Comité de Planificación

La Conferencia Ministerial Serra es un esfuerzo de colaboración entre varios departamentos de la Diócesis de Monterrey. El Comité de Planificación desea agradecer sinceramente al Reverendísimo Daniel E. García, Obispo de Monterrey; Diácono David Ford, Canciller y Director de los Ministerios Pastorales; y al Equipo Diocesano Administrativo por apoyar la conferencia.

Gracias a cada uno de nuestros asistentes por su alegre participación en esta conferencia. Apreciamos todos los dones que ustedes comparten con el Pueblo de Dios en la Diócesis de Monterrey. ¡Deseamos que muchas bendiciones sean derramadas sobre ustedes en sus ministerios!

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Conference Overview

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Hosted By

Diocese of Monterey Pastoral Ministries and
Department of Catholic Schools

Location

Sacred Heart School
123 W. Market St.
Salinas, CA



Dates

Friday, March 14, 2025
Saturday, March 15, 2025
Register for one or both days



Conference Registration

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Advance registration is strongly encouraged. Limited walk-in registration will be available. Attendees may register as an individual or as a group.

Fee

\$30 for one day or \$45 for both days - Until February 18, 2025
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Pay by credit card or make check payable to:
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Please do not send payment to the Diocesan office.

Descripción General

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Traído a ustedes por

Los Ministerios Pastorales de la Diócesis de Monterey y
El Departamento de Escuelas Católicas

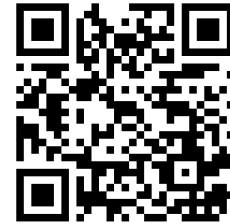
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Fecha

Viernes, 14 de marzo de 2025
Sábado, 15 de marzo de 2025
Regístrate para uno o ambos días



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Se recomienda encarecidamente inscripción previa al evento. Los asistentes podrán registrarse de forma individual o en grupo. Habrá inscripción el día del evento, pero será limitada.

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Favor de NO enviar el pago a la oficina diocesana.

Friday, March 14, 2025

Time	Activity	Speaker	Location
8:30 – 9:00 am	Registration		TBD
8:30 - 4:00 pm	Exhibits		TBD
9:00 - 9:30 am	Prayer and Welcoming		Gym
9:45 - 10:45 am	Session 101: Teachers Open Hearts, Open Doors: The Catholic School as a Community of Hospitality	Julianne Stanz	Gym
	Session 102: Diocesan & Parish Staff Embracing Our Call	Nancy Bird	Parish Hall
10:45 - 11:15 am	Break		
11:15 - 12:15 pm	Morning Session 201: Teachers Kerygma, Christian Anthropology and Missionary Discipleship: Forming Catholic School Students to Change the World	Dr Joseph White	Gym
	Morning Session 202: Diocesan & Parish Staff Called to Lead: The Power of Saying 'Here I Am' in Ministry	Steven Botsford	Parish Hall
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Lunch		
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Session 301: Teachers Embracing Our Call	Nancy Bird	Gym
	Session 302: Diocesan & Parish Staff Open Hearts, Open Doors: The Transformative Power of Hospitality	Julianne Stanz	Parish Hall
2:00 – 2:15 pm	Break		
2:15 – 3:15 pm	Session 401: Teachers Called to Lead: the Power of Saying 'Here I am' in Ministry	Steven Botsford	Gym
	Session 402: Diocesan & Parish Staff We're All In This Together: The Role of the Community in Christian Initiation	Rose Hernandez	Parish Hall
3:15 - 3:30 pm	Closing Prayer		
4:00 pm	Exhibits Close for The Day		TBD

Saturday, March 15, 2025

Time	Activity	Speaker	Location
8:30 – 9:00 am	Registration		TBD
8:30 - 4:00 pm	Exhibits		TBD
9:00 – 9:30 am	Prayer and Welcome		Gym
9:45 - 11:00 am	Session 501: English Here I Am Lord: Send Me as Your Sacred Witness	Julianne Stanz	Parish Hall
	Session 502: (Español) Un Pueblo, Una Voz: Como guiar a la Asamblea en la Oración Cantada	Koren & Jessica Ruiz	Gym
	Sesión 503: (Español) Estamos Todos Juntos: La Responsabilidad de la Comunidad en la Iniciación Cristiana	Rose Hernandez	Saturday Option Session
11:00 - 11:15 am	Break		
11:15 - 12:30 pm	Session 601: Mass		Gym
12:30 - 1:15 pm	Lunch		
1:15 - 2:30 pm	Session 701: English Listening for God in Everyday Life	Dr Joseph White	Parish Hall
	Sesión 702: (Español) La importancia de la sanación interior en el líder católico	Ernesto Vega	Gym
	Session 703: Liturgical Formation Art & Liturgy: the Splendor of Faith	Fr. Chris Bennett	Saturday Option Session
2:30 - 2:45 pm	Break		
2:45 - 4:00 pm	Session 801: (English) 4 Secrets of the Spirituality of Self Care	Nancy Bird	Parish Hall
	Sesión 802: (Español) Los dones y carismas del Espíritu Santo en el servicio parroquial	Rev. Juan Pablo Mantilla	Gym
	Session 803: Liturgical Formation Liturgy embracing Grace - Sharing Hope	Fr. Chris Bennett	Saturday Option Session
3:45 - 4:00 pm	Closing Prayer		
4:00 pm	Exhibits Close		TBD

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9:45 - 10:45 a.m.
Session 100s



JULIANNE STANZ

Session 101: Teachers

Julianne Stanz

Open Hearts, Open Doors: The Catholic School as a Community of Hospitality

Location: Gym

The early Christians didn't just talk about hospitality; they embodied it, because hospitality is not a peripheral aspect of faith; it is an integral part of it. True hospitality is not a luxury but a necessity, satisfying not just physical, emotional and social hungers but spiritual hungers. It is more than a welcoming gesture; true hospitality is a profound expression of love for Christ and our neighbors. In this presentation, Julianne Stanz will guide Catholic school teachers through the essential characteristics of hospitality, emphasizing its relational nature as a means to cultivate genuine connections within the school community. We will explore the biblical foundations of hospitality, understanding it not only as a command but also as a foundational requirement for educators, leaders, and all members of the faith community. Join us to learn how embracing the transformative power of hospitality can enhance our schools and deepen our relationships with one another.



NANCY BIRD

Session 102: Diocesan & Parish Staff

Nancy Bird

Embracing Our Call

Location: Parish Hall

"Be Who You Are and Be That Perfectly Well". The quote from St. Francis de Sales inspires us to accept who we are as children of God and to use the gifts that are uniquely ours to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Are you up to the challenge of uncovering your gifts, embracing your call, living your baptism, and being sent to share God's love with the world?

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11:15 - 12:15 p.m.
Session 200s



DR. JOSEPH WHITE

Session 201: Teachers

Dr. Joseph White

Kerygma, Christian Anthropology and Missionary Discipleship: Forming Catholic School Students to Change the World

Location: Gym

In this session, catechetical author and child psychologist Dr. Joseph White will discuss three themes from the Vatican's Directory for Catechesis that have transformative implications for Catholic schools. How can rediscovering the kerygma (the core message of Jesus Christ) help students see the need in their lives for Christ and the Church? How can a Christian Anthropology (a Catholic view of the human person) help Catholic schools educate the whole person and build a strong Catholic identity? How does forming missionary disciples prepare students not only to know their faith, but to live it? Join us as we explore practical ways to integrate kerygma, Christian Anthropology and missionary discipleship into our K-12 religion programs so we can form students to transform the culture.



STEVEN BOTSFORD

Session 202: Diocesan & Parish Staff

Steven Botsford

Called to Lead: The Power of Saying 'Here I Am' in Ministry

Location: Parish Hall

In this inspiring session, participants will explore the profound significance of responding to God's call with the words, "Here I Am." Grounded in biblical examples and real-life ministry applications, this session will delve into how a willing heart and faithful response can transform leadership in ministry. We will examine key moments in scripture where individuals answered God's call, unpack the spiritual and practical implications of stepping into a God-given mission, and discuss how this mindset can shape a thriving Catholic identity within parish communities.

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1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Session 300s



NANCY BIRD

Session 301: Teachers

Nancy Bird

Embracing Our Call

Location: Gym

“Be Who You Are and Be That Perfectly Well”. The quote from St. Francis de Sales inspires us to accept who we are as children of God and to use the gifts that are uniquely ours to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Are you up to the challenge of uncovering your gifts, embracing your call, living your baptism, and being sent to share God's love with the world?



JULIANNE STANZ

Session 302: Diocesan & Parish Staff

Julianne Stanz

Open Hearts, Open Doors: The Transformative Power of Hospitality

Location: Parish Hall

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2:15 - 3:15 p.m.
Session 400s



STEVEN BOTSFORD

Session 401: Teachers

Steven Botsford

Called to Lead: The Power of Saying 'Here I Am' in Ministry

Location: Gym

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ROSE HERNANDEZ

Session 402: Diocesan & Parish Staff

Rose Hernandez

We're All In This Together: The Role of the Community in Christian Initiation

Location: Parish Hall

Being a community means supporting one another on the journey of faith. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) tells us that the role and responsibility of the community in the process of Initiation is vital to the life of the catechumenate. But how do we help our parish community to understand that? This workshop will explore the need for community involvement in the process and will look at some practical tips to help engage God's People, so that those initiated into the faith will better connect to parish life.

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9:45 - 11:00 a.m.
Session 500s



JULIANNE STANZ

Session 501: English

Julianne Stanz

Here I am Lord: Send Me as Your Sacred Witness

Location: Parish Hall

Storytelling is the oldest form of education and as Catholics we share the ultimate story of faith: the love story between God and his people. The Gospel story is our story. We each have a place in it—just as the people who heard Jesus' message sitting at his feet two thousand years ago did. Each of us has a story of faith as unique as our fingerprint. But in their own way, all our stories echo the paschal mystery. They speak of the life, death, and resurrection of Christ through our own experiences of brokenness and transformation. The essence of faith sharing lies in helping others recognize God in the everyday moments of life. How do we cultivate this awareness today in a way that stirs hearts and inspires others to respond, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)?



KOREN & JESSICA RUIZ

Session 502: Español

Koren & Jessica Ruiz

Un Pueblo, Una Voz: Como guiar a la Asamblea en la Oración Cantada

Location: Gym

Los participantes explorarán el papel de la música en la liturgia, algunas prácticas efectivas para los coros y recomendaciones a fin de asegurar una participación plena, consciente y activa de la asamblea durante la celebración litúrgica.



ROSE HERNANDEZ

Session 503: Español

Rose Hernandez

Estamos Todos Juntos: La Responsabilidad de la Comunidad en la Iniciación Cristiana

Location: TBD

Viviendo como una comunidad significa apoyarnos el uno al otro en el camino de la fe. El Ritual de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (RICA) nos expresa que el papel y la responsabilidad de la comunidad en el proceso de iniciación es esencial en la vida del catecúmeno. ¿Pero, como ayudamos a nuestra comunidad parroquial a entender su papel? En este taller, exploraremos la necesidad de la comunidad en el proceso, al igual que varias ideas prácticas para ayudar a involucrar al Pueblo de Dios, para que los iniciados en la fe puedan conectarse a la vida parroquial de una mejor manera.

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1:15 - 2:30 p.m.
Session 700s



DR. JOSEPH WHITE

Session 701: English
Dr. Joseph White
Listening for God in Everyday Life
Location: Parish Hall

God speaks to us in many ways – through his Creation, through significant people and events, through our talents and interests, and more. This session will offer practical strategies and reflections for hearing and responding to God's voice in our daily lives so we can gain a clearer sense of God's vision for ourselves and our ministry.



ERNESTO VEGA

Session 702: Español
Ernesto Vega
La importancia de la sanación interior en el líder católico
Location: Gym

Este taller explora la importancia de la sanación interior en la vida y liderazgo ministerial del católico, proporcionando técnicas prácticas que ayuden a los participantes a sanar heridas emocionales y espirituales, fortaleciendo así su liderazgo y capacidad de servicio.



FR. CHRIS BENNETT

Session 703: English
Fr. Chris Bennett
Art & Liturgy: The Splendor of Faith
Location: TBD

Arts and Environment reflect our recognition of the wonder of the Lord's real presence in our midst. This ministry honors our sacred space and enhances our liturgical experiences through seasonal planning and decorating of the church, creating visual effects and maintaining the physical interior of the church. The beauty of the liturgy reflected in the beauty of the church. Join us to learn more about good art and environment in our sacred space.

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2:15 - 3:15 p.m.
Session 800s



NANCY BIRD

Session 801: English

Nancy Bird

4 Secrets of the Spirituality of Self Care

Location: Parish Hall

Those who minister to others are constantly challenged to find the balance between nurturing others and finding time to care for ourselves. How then do we justify setting time aside for self-care? Yet, Jesus himself took time to renew, replenish, and rejuvenate. Self-care is not selfish. It is an opportunity to explore wellness as a way of life and embrace the spirituality of self-care.



**REV. JUAN PABLO
MANTILLA**

Session 802: Español

Rev. Juan Pablo Mantilla

Los dones y carismas del Espíritu Santo en el servicio parroquial

Location: Gym

El Espíritu Santo regala sus dones y carismas a todos sus fieles bautizados. Es por lo tanto importante saber hacer un discernimiento para reconocer cuál es nuestro carisma y cómo puedo ofrecer ese don o carisma al servicio de la vida parroquial, con humildad, efectividad y respondiendo a la voluntad de Dios. Acompañanos en un momento de alabanza, oración y enseñanza junto al padre Juan Pablo Mantilla quien cuenta con una basta experiencia en la predicación sobre los dones y carismas.



FR. CHRIS BENNETT

Session 803: English

Fr. Chris Bennett

Liturgy Embracing Grace - Sharing Hope

Location: TBD

The liturgy, like the incarnate Christ, does and must use human, natural things: bread, water, human speech, doors, music, and marriage bonds. But the Church and her liturgy don't simply keep these elements on their natural plane but elevate them to a supernatural end: human bread becomes the Bread of Life; natural washing effects supernatural cleansing; human communication enters a divine dialogue. By using ordinary things in an extraordinary way, Christ the High Priest of the liturgy reveals to us our humanity and our divine calling. These liturgical elements, and others, when celebrated and seen correctly, are a source of joy and hope in this modern world, for they are encounters with Christ who "fully reveals himself to us. and makes his supreme calling clear."

Speakers

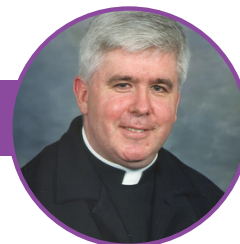
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Dr. Joseph White



Dr. Joseph White is a Child and Family Psychologist and Associate Publisher for Catechetical Resources at OSV Publishing. He formerly served as a parish Director of Faith Formation for two years, and then worked for seven years as Director of Family Counseling and Family Life for the Diocese of Austin, Texas. Dr. White has written twelve books and numerous articles about catechesis, Catholic education, spirituality, and ministry, including *Listening for God in Everyday Life* and *the Companion to the Directory for Catechesis*. He is co-author of the *Allelu* and *Alive in Christ* religion series.

Fr. Chris Bennett



Fr. Chris Bennett is the pastor of St. Christopher Parish in the Diocese of San Jose. He also serves as the Chair of the Diocese of San Jose Art and Environment Committee and designs the art and environment for major Diocesan liturgies.

Nancy Bird



Nancy Bird has been involved in religious education as a catechist, parish catechetical leader and youth minister. She combines practical experience, creativity and motivational enthusiasm to energize those called to embrace and live their baptism joyfully. Presently she serves as Director of Training and Professional Development for RCL Benziger Religion Publishing Company, resides in Tallmadge, Ohio, and continues volunteer at her parish.

Steven Botsford



Steve Botsford is Vice President, Catechetical Learning for William H. Sadlier, Inc. He holds a master of religious education degree from Loyola University, New Orleans; a master of business administration through the University of Phoenix; a certificate of church management from Villanova University, and is a master catechist in the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

After converting to the Catholic faith in 1992, he became a catechist to help others learn about God's love—the same love he experienced during his conversion. He served over ten years in parish ministries as a youth minister and DRE.

As a blogger, Steve explores catechesis and technology at www.TransformingCatechesis.com, and contributes to *We Believe* and *Share*, published by Sadlier. In addition, Steve was part of the Digital Disciples Network committee which developed the Digital Disciple Technology Competencies for Ministry.

Rose Hernandez



Rose M. Hernandez serves as the Director for the Office of Formation and Evangelization in the Diocese of Fresno. With over twenty-five years of experience in liturgy, catechesis, and Christian Initiation, she has served in various capacities as a workshop presenter and retreat director in Fresno as well as the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. She had the blessing to be a part of the National Forum of the Catechumenate, and presently is associated with LTP. As Director, she often provides workshops and retreats on various topics such as RCIA, Evangelization, and Self-Care. Ms. Hernandez holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Ancient Greek and a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry, both from Loyola Marymount University.

Julianne Stanz



Julianne Stanz, storyteller, author, encourager, Julianne Stanz is the Director of Outreach for Evangelization and Discipleship for Loyola Press. Julianne was born and educated in Ireland where she holds advanced degrees in the area of theology, religious studies, education and leadership.

She is an internationally known speaker and retreat leader and has served the Catholic Church in various capacities including as a member of national and international dialogues, diocesan staff and parish communities. Currently, Julianne serves as a consultant to the USCCB and is a member of the National Eucharistic Revival Executive Team.

Julianne is the author of the bestselling books “Braving the Thin Places: Celtic Wisdom to Create a Space for Grace” and “Start with Jesus: How everyday disciples will renew the Church”. Her newest book is “The Catholic Parents' Survival Guide: Straight Answers to Your Kids' Toughest Questions about Faith” published by Loyola Press. You can catch up with her at www.juliannestanz.com

Rose Hernandez



Rose M. Hernandez sirve como Directora de la Oficina de Formación y Evangelización en la Diócesis de Fresno. Con más de veinte años de experiencia en liturgia, catequesis e iniciación cristiana, se ha servido en diversas capacidades como presentadora de talleres y directora de retiros en Fresno, así como en la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles. Tuvo la bendición de ser parte del Foro Nacional del Catecumenado y actualmente está asociada con LTP. Como directora, a menudo ofrece talleres y retiros sobre diversos temas, como RICA, evangelización y cuidado personal. La Sra. Hernández tiene una Licenciatura en Psicología y Griego Antiguo y una Maestría en Ministerio Pastoral de la Universidad Loyola Marymount.

Padre Juan Pablo Mantilla



Padre Juan Pablo Matilla es colombiano, sacerdote Eudista quien trabaja con la renovación carismática "Jesus es mi todo" en Colombia y otros países. Padre Juan Pablo es muy carismático y con un gran espíritu de servicio evangelizando también en comunidades parroquiales y universidades. El padre Juan Pablo viene a compartirnos cómo desde los carismas dados por el Espíritu Santo podemos encontrar el nuestro y servir a la Iglesia con humildad y verdadera disposición. Participen y hagan parte de este maravilloso tema donde contaremos con alabanza, enseñanza y oración.

Koren & Jessica Ruiz



Compositor, director de coro y presentador litúrgico, Koren Ruiz cree en la música como la mejor herramienta de evangelización que recibimos de Dios. Con una pasión por el servicio y la corresponsabilidad, Koren ha encarnado esa forma de discipulado a través de más de 15 años de ministerio y composición musical.

A menudo ministrando junto a su esposa y compañera esencial en el ministerio, Jessica Ruiz, Koren lidera conciertos en parroquias, así como eventos de oración litúrgica, formación y talleres sobre la corresponsabilidad cristiana. Asimismo, lidera talleres de construcción de habilidades centrados en la guitarra como "Guitar Rhythms" y "El Guitarrista en el Escenario Litúrgico". También ha participado en la serie de eventos Instituto OCP.

La cantante, compositora y directora de coro, Jessica Ruiz, ha utilizado su don musical como herramienta de evangelización por los últimos quince años.

Sin haber crecido en un ambiente católico o de habla hispana, hoy vive convencida de que cuando utilizamos el don del canto para alabar y servir a Dios, este don pasa a un nivel mucho más especial y profundo. Enamorada ahora de su fe católica dentro de la comunidad Hispana, Jessica se ha destacado por su labor como cantora líder, artista de grabaciones y mujer católica comprometida con la misión de evangelizar a través de la oración cantada.

Koren y Jessica tienen dos álbumes publicados con OCP: Tú Me Sostendrás, lanzado en 2014, y Tu Amor Es Fiel, lanzado en 2019. Varias de las canciones de Koren están incluidas en las colecciones contemporáneas en español de OCP, incluyendo Bendito, Bendito, un álbum recopilatorio con cánticos de adoración; Entre Tus Manos, con cantos de sanación y El Señor Nos Invita, Vol. 3: Cantos para Cuaresma, Pascua y Pentecostés, colección bilingüe con cantos de Cuaresma y Pascua para niños.

Tanto Koren como Jessica sirven a la comunidad de Ascension Parish en Portland, Oregón como directoras de coro. Koren es el Director de Iniciativas Hispanas en OCP y el presidente y fundador de Corresponsables de Dios, una organización consultora que promueve la corresponsabilidad de la misión de la Iglesia a través de programas, conferencias y música católica.

Speakers Español

Ernesto Vega

*Here I am Lord
Aquí Estoy Señor*



Ernesto Vega es el Coordinador del Ministerio de Formación en la Fe para Adultos en la Oficina de Educación Religiosa de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles. El tiene una licenciatura con doble concentración, una en filosofía y la otra en literatura del Seminario Mayor de San Juan en Camarillo, además tiene una maestría en psicoterapia familiar y otra maestría por terminar en teología pastoral con concentración en dirección espiritual de la Universidad de Loyola Marymount en Los Ángeles.

Ernesto cuenta con estudios en el evento guadalupano, la espiritualidad ignaciana, la espiritualidad tolteca y el arte, además tiene capacitaciones en programación neurolingüística, hipnoterapia y otras modalidades de sanación psicológica. Ha sido conferencista en las Jornadas Mundiales de la Juventud - Panamá 2019 y Portugal 2023, y también en el Congreso de Educación Religiosa de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, y en otros congresos diocesanos de California y Nevada.

Ernesto ha sido conductor del programa Hacia Cristo con María en el Sembrador Nueva Evangelización (ESNE) y continúa siendo el MC para las mañanitas en honor a la Virgen de Guadalupe en la Catedral de Nuestra Señora Reina de Los Ángeles.

Thank You

Here I am Lord
Aqui Estoy Señor

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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*Here I am Lord
Aqui Estoy Señor*

Regocíjate siempre. Ora sin cesar. Da gracias en todo, porque esta es la voluntad de Dios para ti en Cristo Jesús.

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