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St. Robert Bellarmine

Dear Summit Participants,

On behalf of the USCCB National Advisory Team on Young Adult Ministry, we are delighted to welcome you to the 2019 **National Young Adult Ministry Summit** taking place this week at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

This Summit gathers “co-workers in the vineyard” from across the United States like you to listen, converse, and engage each other in the present realities of the field and to continue to dream of for the future. We are coming off a tremendous year in the world of young adult ministry, capped by the release of Pope Francis’ post-synodal apostolic exhortation, *Christus Vivit*. This document allows us to continue the conversation started with the 2018 Synod and to find new ways forward in implementing its key concepts, especially as they relate to young adults in their late teens, 20s and 30s. This Summit will focus on “Rooting Young Adult Ministry,” which means exploring possibilities for further integrating the themes of *Christus Vivit* into our parishes, schools, universities, dioceses, and apostolates, and allowing young adults to truly take the lead.

We are grateful to the USCCB Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth for their ongoing support and commitment to furthering conversation on ministry with young adults. We are also thankful to the 2019 Summit Planning Team, especially event chairperson, Mr. Darius Villalobos. His tireless persistence and dedication made this gathering possible.

Your own commitment to the field of young adult ministry is inspiring, and we are grateful for your strong dedication to serving God’s people. Please be assured of our prayers for you and your ministries, and we ask for your prayers for the work of the National Advisory Team.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Paul E. Jarzembowski, Assistant Director
for Youth and Young Adult Ministries
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Diana M. Hancharenko, Chairperson
USCCB National Advisory Team
for Young Adult Ministry

WELCOME LETTER FROM CTU



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To Participants at the National Young Adult Ministry Summit

It is my great pleasure to offer you a warm welcome to Catholic Theological Union. We are delighted that the summit is being held at CTU because your concerns are also ours. A Church that is joyful, alive, and able to proclaim the Gospel in a comprehensible way must be able to count on young adults who are able to read the signs of the time and see the loving presence of Christ in our changing world.

To some young people the Church seems irrelevant. A meeting such as this is crucial in helping us all understand how to work together across generations and share the hope that is in all of us for a Church that is able to effectively reach out in humility and compassion to our divided world. As Pope Francis has said in *Christus vivit*,

We need to make more room for the voices of young people to be heard:
“listening makes possible an exchange of gifts in a context of empathy...
At the same time, it sets the conditions for a preaching of the Gospel that
can touch the heart truly, decisively and fruitfully” (*Christus vivit* 38).

Again, welcome to CTU! Our prayers for a meeting that will inspire joy, hope and enthusiasm for the wondrous, life-changing ministry to which Jesus Christ calls all of us... especially young people.

Sincerely,

Rev. Mark R. Francis, C.S.V.
President

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SUMMIT 2019 HOSTS

ADVISORY TEAM

USCCB NATIONAL ADVISORY TEAM FOR YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

In 2016, the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth have set up a special National Advisory Team on Young Adult Ministry to serve as nationwide network, resource group, and consulting body on the issues of young adult ministry and evangelization. This was developed in the wake of the dissolution of the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association (NCYAMA), which served Catholic leaders across the United States 1982 to 2016. The Advisory Team's mandate from the Committee includes:

1. To provide ongoing input and feedback on young adult ministry to the bishops
2. To provide pastoral support to parish and diocesan leaders in the field
3. To develop a national coalition of young adult ministry leaders

DIANA HANCHARENKO Chair for the National Advisory Team	St. Angela Merici Parish, Youngstown, OH
DR. TRACEY LAMONT Vice-Chair (External)	Loyola University New Orleans
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DR. TIMONE DAVIS	Loyola University Chicago

SUMMIT 2019 HOSTS



EMCEE'S



DR TIMONE DAVIS

Assistant Professor - Institute of Pastoral Studies

timone davis was a Catholic “pewster” until she discovered that the uselessness of the Church was because she wasn’t giving herself. Her first ministry was with the RCIA, where she not only welcomed others into the Church, but also revitalized her own spirituality. After working for the Archdiocese of Chicago as the coordinator of ReCiL - Reclaiming Christ in Life Young Adult Ministry, timone launched PEACE centered WHOLENESS with her husband, where they are blending clinical counseling and spiritual companionship. timone’s dynamic energy and deep spirituality enhance her teaching by engaging one’s spirit through storytelling.



DR. TRACEY LAMONT

Assistant Professor -Loyola University, New Orleans

Tracey is an Assistant Professor of Religious Education at the Loyola Institute for Ministry at Loyola University, New Orleans. She earned her M.A. and Ph.D. in Religion and Religious Education from Fordham University and specializes in youth and young adult ministry and religious education. Her passion, scholarship, and commitment to teaching and learning has led her to serve in a variety of advisory positions, including her role as Vice Chair of Resources for the USCCB National Advisory Team for Young Adult Ministry, and as a member of the National Leadership Network for the National Dialogue.



DIRECTIONS

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5225 S. Harper Ave, Chicago, IL 60615

- Exit Catholic Theological Union onto S. Cornell Ave. Head north towards E. 54th St.
- Turn left onto E. 53rd St.
- Turn right onto S. Harper Ave.



DIRECTIONS TO MARYKNOLL FATHERS AND BROTHERS INITIAL FORMATION HOUSE

5128 S. Hyde Park Blvd., Chicago, IL 60615

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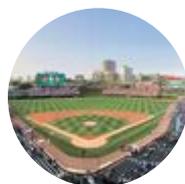
SPECIAL EVENTS



DIRECTIONS TO ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

5472 S. Kimbark Ave., Chicago, IL 60615

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- Turn right onto E. 55th St.
- Turn right onto S. Kimbark Ave



DIRECTIONS TO WRIGLEY FIELD

1060 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60613*

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- Turn left into 55th St.
- Get on the 55 St. Louis bus near the corner of 55th Street and Hyde Park Blvd.
- Exit the bus at the Garfield Red Line Station (19 stops)
- Walk to the Red Line. Take Red Line to Addison stop.
- Walk west on W. Addison St.
- Enjoy the game!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



DAY 1

Tuesday, September 17

1-3PM CHECK-IN & REGISTRATION

3-4:15PM OPENING PRAYER & PLENARY SESSION A:
CTU - 210 SYNODALITY

4:15-4:45PM BREAK

4:45-5:45PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS A
CTU - Various rooms See pg. 14 for Breakout Sessions A list

6-6:30PM DINNER
CTU - 210

7:15-8:30PM PRAYER SERVICE
CTU - 210 Opportunity for prayer, renewal, healing.

8:30PM SOCIAL
CTU - ATRIUM Sponsored by Verso Ministries



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, September 18

DAY 2

7-9AM

BREAKFAST

Location: At your respective lodging

9-9:30AM

CTU - 210

PRAYER TO BEGIN THE DAY

9:30-10:30AM

CTU - Various rooms

BREAKOUT SESSIONS B VOCATION & DISCERNMENT: OUR UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS

See pg. 14 for Breakout Sessions B list

10:45-11:15AM

CTU - 210

LARGE GROUP RECAP FROM BREAKOUT SESSION B

11:45AM

MASS

Begin walking to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

12:45-1:45PM

CTU - 210

LUNCH

1:45-2:45PM

CTU - 210

PLENARY SESSION B VOCATION & DISCERNMENT: UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS

2:45PM

CTU - 210

BREAK

3-4PM

CTU - 210

PLENARY SESSION C - SIGNS OF THE TIMES

4:15-5:15PM

CTU - Various Rooms

BREAKOUT SESSIONS C

See pg. 14 for Breakout Sessions C list

5:15-5:45PM

CTU - 210

PARTNERED (1-ON-1) DISCUSSIONS

Optional

6-7PM

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

7PM

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS OR FREE EVENING

- *Downtown/Hyde Park Excursions*
- *Cubs 7:05 vs. Reds at Wrigleyville, Sponsored by the Institute for Pastoral Studies - Loyola University of Chicago. Please see pg. 5 for directions.*



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY 3

Thursday, September 19

7-8:45AM

BREAKFAST & CHECKOUT

Location: At your respective lodging

9-9:30AM

CTU - 210

PRAYER TO BEGIN THE DAY

9:30-10:30AM

CTU - 210

LARGE GROUP TABLE CONVERSATIONS - WORKING REPORTING

10:30-11:30AM

CTU - 210

FINAL PLENARY SESSION

11:30AM-12PM

CTU - 210

CONCLUSION & CLOSING PRAYER

12-1PM

CTU - 210

LUNCH

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PLENARY A



BISHOP GEORGE RASSAS

Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Chicago
Bishop George Rassas is Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Chicago. He was ordained as a priest in May of 1968 and ordained as a bishop in 2006 at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. Prior to the episcopacy, Bp. Rassas was the pastor of St. Mary Parish in Lake Forest from 1990 to 2004 and Vicar General of the Chicago Archdiocese from 2004 to 2006. Born in Baltimore and raised in Winnetka, Illinois, Bp. Rassas holds a Bachelor's degree from St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein and a Master's degree from Loyola University Chicago in counseling psychology. He has also served as the director of the Chicago Archdiocese's Office for Family Ministries. Bp. Rassas serves on the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth and the USCCB Subcommittee on Certification for Ecclesial Ministry and Service, and has been part of the National Pastoral Initiative on Strengthening Marriage at the USCCB.



PAUL JARZEMBOWSKI

Assistant Director, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, USCCB
Paul Jarzembowski is the lead staff for youth and young adult ministries at the USCCB, and serves as the national coordinator for World Youth Day for the United States. Paul has consulted with and spoken for over 300 dioceses, parishes, universities, organizations, and conferences across the U.S., Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean, Europe, and the Vatican. Prior to his role at the USCCB, Paul was the executive director of the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association (NCYAMA) and the diocesan director of young adult ministry for the Diocese of Joliet in Illinois.



BRENDA NORIEGA

Young Adults Programs Coordinator- Diocese of San Bernardino
Brenda Noriega was born and raised in Mexico. She has been serving God's people since early age at the parish and diocesan level. She currently serves the Diocese of San Bernardino as the Young Adults Programs Coordinator. Brenda collaborates at the regional level as a member of the board of Pastoral Juvenil Committee at RECOSS. She is also a member of the USCCB National Advisory Team for Young Adult Ministry. In January of this year, Brenda represented our country in a lunch with Pope Francis during WYD-Panama. In June, she was part of the Post-Synodal Youth Forum in Rome.



PANELISTS' BIOGRAPHIES

PLENARY B

Vocation & Discernment: Our Universal Call to Holiness



MOTHER CLARE MATTHIASS, CFR

Community Servant (Superior) - Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal

Mother Clare entered the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal in 1998. After many years as Vocation Director she is currently serving as the Community Servant (General Superior). She was involved in the creation of the film *FOR LOVE ALONE* and is the author of the book *Discerning Religious Life*. Additionally, Mother Clare has been serving as the Director of the NY Samuel Group - Young Adult Formation program for the past four years.



FATHER MICHAEL ROSSMANN, SJ

Vocation Promoter, Jesuits - USA Midwest Province

Fr. Michael Rossmann, SJ is a vocation promoter for the Jesuits. He works with young adults in discernment across the Midwest. Fr. Rossmann joined the Jesuits just after graduating from the University of Notre Dame. He taught in Tanzania for two years and has graduate degrees from Loyola University Chicago and Boston College. He has been active in the use of new media, starting the "One-Minute Homily" and previously serving as the editor-in-chief of *The Jesuit Post*. Goals in life include meeting Tina Fey and getting people to spell his last name with two N's.



BRIAN RHUDE

Project Coordinator - Catholic Apostolate Center

Brian Rhude is the Project Coordinator at the Catholic Apostolate Center in Washington D.C. where he works in developing Center programming, assists in updating and creating new resources on the Center's website, collaborates on the development of social media content, and provides other services including participation at and facilitation of various events and conferences. Brian is a senior at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. where he is pursuing a degree in Theology and Religious Studies and a Certificate in Pastoral Ministry. Brian also serves as a music minister at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Washington D.C.



BETH KNOBBE

Relationship Manager - Catholic Relief Services

Since February 2015, Beth has served as a Relationship Manager for CRS to include leading a recent delegation to Rwanda. Previously, Beth served as a campus minister at the Sheil Catholic Center at Northwestern University. Beth earned a Master of Divinity degree from Catholic Theological Union, and she holds a B.S. from Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, Iowa. Beth is a regular speaker on spirituality, and she is the author of two books - *Party of One: Living Single with Faith, Purpose, and Passion* (2011) and *Finding My Voice: A Young Woman's Perspective* (2009).

PANELISTS' BIOGRAPHIES



PLENARY C

Signs of the Times



REV. DANIEL HORAN, OFM.

Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology and Spirituality
Catholic Theological Union

Daniel P. Horan, OFM, is a Franciscan Friar of Holy Name Province, Assistant Professor of systematic theology and spirituality at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, and author of numerous articles and twelve books, including *All God's Creatures: A Theology of Creation* (Lexington/Fortress, 2018) and *Reading, Praying, Living Pope Francis's Rejoice and Be Glad* (Liturgical Press, 2019). His next book is *Catholicity and Emerging Personhood: A Contemporary Theological Anthropology* (Orbis Books, 2019). He is also co-host of "The Francis Effect Podcast."



PROFESSOR STEVE MILLIES

Director & Associate Professor of Public Theology
The Bernardin Center at Catholic Theological Union

Steve Millies is Associate Professor of public theology and Director of The Bernardin Center at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. His most recent book is *Good Intentions: A History of Catholic Voters' Road from Roe to Trump* (Liturgical Press, 2018).



DARIUS VILLALOBOS

Director of Multicultural Ministry
National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry

Darius Villalobos serves as the Director of Multicultural Ministry for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. He previously served in the Archdiocese of Chicago in roles including youth ministry, young adult ministry, and catechesis. He currently serves on the USCCB National Advisory Team for Young Adult Ministry. He was born and raised in Chicago and is a graduate of DePaul University where he received his bachelor's degree in English and Catholic Studies. He has served as a parish RCIA director, liturgical musician, retreat director, catechist, and youth minister. He lives in Chicago with his wife.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS



Thursday, September 17 | 4:45-5:45PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS A: SYNODALITY

- **Parish Life: Collaboration with Young Adults in Parishes**
 - Diana Hancharenko and Fr. Kevin Peters - St. Angela Merici Parish in Youngstown, OH
- **Working through Transitions of Young Adulthood**
 - Juan Pablo Padilla - Office of Lifelong Formation, Archdiocese of Chicago
- **Leadership Development & Mentorship: Answering the Big Life Questions**
 - Brenda Noriega - Office of Ministries with Young Catholics, Diocese of San Bernardino
- **YA Ministry through Dioceses and Organizations: What Works**
 - Christy Vaissade - Office of Young Adult Outreach, Archdiocese of New York & Michael Horace - Young Adult Initiative, Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology

Wednesday, September 18 | 9:30- 10:30AM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS B: VOCATION & DISCERNMENT

- **What Does Proper Discernment Look Like? Good Discernment Tools**
 - Fr. Michael Rossmann, SJ - USA Midwest Province
- **Missionary Discipleship, Listening & Discernment**
 - Anna Clarke and Jorge Rivera -Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers
- **Long-term Service/Volunteerism & Vocation**
 - Monica Thom Konschnik - Catholic Apostolate Center & Katie Delaney - Catholic Volunteer Network

Wednesday, September 18 | 4:15-5:15PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS C: SIGN OF THE TIMES

- **Care for Our Common Home**
 - Celeste Flores - Faith in Place
- **Violence & Trauma and their Impact on Communities and Young Adults**
 - Fr. Matt O'Donnell - St. Columbanus Parish, Chicago
- **Sexual Abuse Crisis: How to Accompany Young Adults in the Midst of Scandal**
 - Thomas Tharayil - Office of Assistance Ministry, Archdiocese of Chicago
- **Restorative Justice**
 - Mirta Garcia - Institute for Pastoral Studies, Loyola University of Chicago
- **Migrants and Immigration**
 - Crystal Serrano-Puebla - Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
- **Social Media - A Social Issue**
 - Michael Bayer - St. Clement Parish, Chicago

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ROOTS

Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive! He is in you, he is with you and he never abandons you. However far you may wander, he is always there, the Risen One. He calls you and he waits for you to return to him and start over again. When you feel you are growing old out of sorrow, resentment or fear, doubt or failure, he will always be there to restore your strength and your hope. (Christus Vivit, 1-2)

I have sometimes seen young and beautiful trees, their branches reaching to the sky, pushing ever higher, and they seemed a song of hope. Later, following a storm, I would find them fallen and lifeless. They lacked deep roots. They spread their branches without being firmly planted, and so they fell as soon as nature unleashed her power. That is why it pains me to see young people sometimes being encouraged to build a future without roots, as if the world were just starting now. For “it is impossible for us to grow unless we have strong roots to support us and to keep us firmly grounded. It is easy to drift off, when there is nothing to clutch onto, to hold onto.”

(Christus Vivit, 179)

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