A01 CULTIVATING FAITHFULNESS – STEVE ANGRISANO
We work hard to cultivate faithfulness in our youth, but faithfulness to what? Often, unintentionally, it’s faithfulness to our program. Of course we want everyone to meet Jesus, we just prefer it to be at 7pm on Sunday nights! In fact, the most accurate predictor that a faithful young person will become a faithful adult is not a good youth conference or weekly attendance at RE. The most accurate predictor of lifetime faithfulness is daily prayer. How can we, as ministers to youth, cultivate both in our young people and ourselves...a greater daily awareness of and devotion to God. This might be the most important shift you can make in your ministry. The mission of the church is not to bring all things together in youth ministry, but to bring all things together in Christ! How can you do that more effectively? Come and find out.

A02 VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT: A MINISTRY OF ACCOMPANIMENT AND WITNESS – SR. JOSEPHINE GARRETT
Since the foundation of the church, the disciples of Jesus heard and followed their call to discipleship in the context of community. New followers of Jesus were accompanied by others who were living the faith, people who were willing and able to share their own witness. During this session, we will reflect on what the history of discipleship has to offer us as we accompany young people along the way of discovering their universal call to holiness and their particular vocation in the church.

A03 MINISTRY WITH GEN Z – FRANK MERCADANTE
Our youngest generation--Gen Z, iGen, or the Homeland Generation have arrived. This workshop will answer: Who is this new generational cohort? How are they different from the Millennial Generation? What are their core characteristics? How will we spiritually connect with them? What does the evangelization look like with this new generation?

A04 THE PARISH YOUTH MINISTER: GOING FROM DOING TO EMPOWERING – ELA MILEWSKA
Youth ministry is the work of the whole parish and not just one or a few people. This is a good idea theory but is hard in practice, especially when the community looks to you as THE youth minister. This workshop will address real strategies to move from being the primary minister to young people to the facilitator of a community of ministers.

A05 BEATING THE ODDS: SECRETS TO LONGEVITY IN YOUTH MINISTRY – JOHN SMESTAD JR.
The average tenure of a parish youth minister is less than three years, not even as long as the duration of high school. Navigating the parish as a professional workplace is key to longevity if you want to stay. Come explore practical strategies from someone serving 22 years in the same place through 4 pastors.
A06 ACCOMPANYING YOUNG PEOPLE WHO EXPERIENCE SAME SEX ATTRACTION - FR. PHILLIP BOCHANSKI
This talk will present the teaching of the Catholic Church on homosexuality, and discuss how to present that teaching in a clear and loving way, to welcome young people experiencing same sex attractions in the name of the Church, and to provide authentic accompaniment as they strive to understand their vocations and live chaste and holy lives.

A07 IT’S NOT OLD, IT’S RETRO – FR. JOSEPH ESPAILLAT AND FR MICHAEL EGUIÑO
The way a new generation interprets religious practices, devotions, sacraments, and the art of accompaniment. How this is not a simply reaching back but a step forward. How this is not a nostalgic look at the past but an appreciation for tradition with new insights, hopes, and desires. How to market to a new generation while looking at industry trends.

A08 YOUNG ADULT NETWORKS: A NEW WAY FORWARD – ALLISON TATE
Parishes often encounter a challenge in that they want to improve engagement with young adults, yet may have very little experience with young adults to build on. How can parishes improve young adult ministry in the face of limited resources, both in experience and otherwise? A network model creates a collaborative and innovative solution.

A09 SMALL IS THE NEW BIG – MICHAEL MARCHAND
What if there was a way to make sure all the teens in your program are cared for individually regardless of the size of your ministry? That's what healthy small groups make possible. I've run successful small group programs with as few as 12 students to well over 350 students – and in this workshop I'll teach you how to build a small group program that works in YOUR setting.

A10 INSPIRE YOUNG PEOPLE TO GET OFF THE COUCH AND TRANSFORM THE WORLD – JOAN WEBER
Pope Francis called on youth to get off the couch and go out to make the world a better place. This workshop will provide practical, creative ways we can motivate youth to serve others, utilizing Scripture and Catholic social teaching. We will also explore ways they can take action against injustice and serve those most in need in our world.

A11 REDISCOVER! THE KERYGMA EXPERIENCE – JULIANNE STANZ
Pope Francis tells us that without the proclamation of the kergyma all our evangelization and discipleship efforts will not be fruitful. It is the kerygma that awakens the missionary disciple. What is the kergyma? How does it transform people from being consumers of faith to being active disciples who engage in mission? During this workshop, participants will experience the kerygma through Scripture, reflection, music and imagery and leave with practical materials on how to apply the kerygma in their life and in their ministry.

A12 MAGNIFY MASS – ELIZABETH MADEO
Do you want to transform your parish so that youth ministry will flourish? For the young church to have a deeper experience of liturgy, we must engage their parents, and all parishioners, by inviting them to truly understand the beauty of why we do what we do at Mass. This interactive workshop will teach you how to teach them!
A13 GREAT IDEAS IN TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL MEDIA – LISA GOMES, MODERATOR
This panel presentation will be based on Technology and Social Media session submissions from panelists.

A14 EL DISCIPULADO MISIONERO Y LA PASTORAL DE CONJUNTO EN LA PASTORAL JUVENIL HISPANA –
FR RAFAEL CAPO Y FR JUAN JOSE RODRIGUEZ
Esta sesión presentará modelos de discipulado misionero en el ministerio con jóvenes hispanos como parte de un plan de pastoral de conjunto aplicado a la pastoral juvenil. Se discutirán la espiritualidad y metodología de una "pastoral juvenil de conjunto" según la experiencia del Instituto Pastoral del Sureste (SEPI). Se dará énfasis a experiencias de evangelización, formación y comunión en la pastoral juvenil del Sureste.

B01 FINDING JESUS IN THE MIDST OF YOUR PAPERWORK – DR. ANSEL AUGUSTINE
In this session we will look at how to remain focused on our call to ministry despite all of the distractions that are there. Spiritual Warfare is real. How do we "fight the good" fight without getting weary.

B02 THE LATINO NONES AND THE NEED FOR INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCIES IN YOUTH MINISTRY –
GABRIELA KARAZIEWSKI
Everyone in ministry is talking about the reality of the "nones", why they stop practicing their faith and how to welcome them back into the Church. But little is told about the Latino "nones" their reality, needs and future. This session will explore this topic and will also explain how to build intercultural competencies for their ministry.

B03 BEYOND SERVICE TO INNOVATING FOR CHANGE – JANE ANGHA
Young people are creative, innovative and passionate about things that matter. In this workshop, ministry leaders will learn how to take their summer mission trip to the next level once they are home. The real work of the mission trip happens in their own communities - and they can affect lasting change!

B04 THE PATH TO MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP – BISHOP FRANK CAGGIANO, PATRICK DONOVAN
Adolescence is tough. So is the path to Missionary Discipleship. So let's break it down in the manageable sections. Bishop Caggiano will discuss how the rise of anxiety in young people today affects their families and how they engage with our parishes and schools. Patrick Donovan will discuss the Path to Missionary Discipleship that has been created as a response to the current landscape.

B05 A MINISTRY THROUGH PRESENCE – SARAH HART
In any relationship, “presence” is a difficult thing to achieve, now more than ever. Our young people are, on a daily basis, bombarded with information, and with the growing import of social media, our youth have never been more connected, yet more disconnected. They long for real communication - the kind that comes with being present for and to one another – with friends, parents, teachers, and God, but are often lost as to how to achieve it. Sarah Hart will guide participants - using music, prayer, and her own masterful brand of storytelling – through the meaning of “presence”, and how we might help our young people by ourselves having a ministry of presence.
B06 SMASHING MISCONCEPTIONS: CONFIRMATION: THE BEAUTIFUL THEOLOGY WE’VE BEEN MISSING – DANIEL HARMS
For generations the faithful have largely misunderstood Confirmation - it’s time to smash those misconceptions. The session offers a fresh way of articulating of what Confirmation is and how it makes sense; how the impact of Confirmation is as important as sports/scholastics; guides for engaging teens before/during/after Confirmation.

B07 CROSS-POLLINATION: FAMILIES GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER – DOUG BRUMMEL
Come explore the possibility of bringing all generations of your parish TOGETHER not only at Mass but in Catechesis, Service, and Evangelization too! We are many parts but all ONE BODY... see what that can look like in action. Your families will thank you for it as so many have a strong desire to grow in faith TOGETHER!

B08 IS LEARNING CHANGING IN OUR DIGITAL CULTURE? – DR. CHARLOTTE MCCORQUODALE
It is clear that digital technology has changed the learning landscape in our parishes and schools and the implications for faith formation are many. But has the way we fundamentally learn changed? If so, how does that impact how we form faith?

B09 HERE THEY ARE, NOW WHAT DO WE DO?: UNLOCKING THE AFFECTS OF ANXIETY IN THE LIVES OF YOUTH – DR JODI HUNT
This session will unlock the mystery of the young adult mind and the high rates of anxiety that we are seeing play out through the lives of young people today. Specifically, we will explore the causes of anxiety and how it affects the spiritual lives of the youth and young adults we minister to - come join the conversation on how to minister to the stressed out post-millennial generations!

B10 RETREATS FOR ALL SEASONS – JOE MELENDEZ, SAL SOLO, STACEY SUMEREAU
Christ encounters young people through purposeful high school retreats. Throw God the alley-oop and watch Him slam dunk! Come learn from someone who’s given hundreds of Confirmation retreats to counter the belief that Confirmation is graduation! And what about young adults? Come listen to a young adult share what her generation looks for in a retreat.

B11 GREAT IDEAS IN FAITH FORMATION – KATHY GOLLER, MODERATOR
During this Great Ideas session you will be introduced to five unique ideas for engaging youth in faith formation. Come and learn more about: How to do an online high school faith formation program, presented by Patrick Phelan, Rebuilding Confirmation, presented by Christopher Wesley, Games that do more than just entertain, presented by Tony Vasinda, Helping students understand Church teaching on respect for human life, presented by John Anderson, and Bridging the gap between religious education and youth ministry, presented by Cynthia Psencik.
B12 LA MISTICA DEL MINISTERIO DE PASTORAL JUVENIL – ALEX BARRAZA
En el hacer de la Pastoral Juvenil es importante tomar en cuenta la espiritualidad de las personas a las que servimos. Nuestras jovenes Hispmana/Latinas buscan tener una relación personal con nuestro Señor Jesucristo. La música, la Sagrada Eucaristía, nuestras tradiciones y contextos culturales, todos forman parte de este crecimiento. Como lideres pastorales necesitamos crear momentos profundos que hablen a su espiritualidad. Ven, comparte y descubre maneras en las que podamos apoyar el crecimiento espiritual dentro de nuestros grupos.

B13 THREE FOCUSED AND EFFECTIVE PERSONAL CARE STRATEGIES FOR YOUTH STRUGGLING WITH BULLYING – DR. TIM HOGAN
Today’s youth carry emotional pain unknown to previous generations. Youth ministers on the front lines are often confronted with novel forms of emotional distress that challenge previously effective psychological and religious approaches. Dr. Hogan will present a pastoral counseling approach that will help to bring order to emotional chaos and offer struggling youth support and a plan to move towards healing. Special attention will be paid to challenges working with youth experiencing bullying, suicide and LGBTQ issues.

B14 IS YOUR PARISH READY TO GROW YOUNG – LEISA ANSLINGER
What do parishes that intentionally engage their young people have in common? What can we learn from their experience? These are the questions that were asked in a qualitative study led by a team at the Fuller Youth Institute. By sifting through over 10,000 pages of survey, interview, and in-person visit transcripts, the people at FYI have identified six key strategies any parish can use to better involve and retain young people. Explore the study findings and implications for Catholic parishes, and apply them to the life of your faith community in this pre-conference/deep dive session.

C01 CALL TO ACCOMPANY / LLAMADOS A ACCOMPANAR – KATHERINE ANGULO
The Called to Accompany FREE series invites youth ministry volunteers to learn and explore the many aspects that make a parish youth ministry successful. Through videos and group discussion, volunteers are encouraged to respond to Pope Francis’ call to accompany the youth towards a deep and fulfilling relationship with Christ and His church.

C02 ENGAGING TODAY’S PARENTS: RE-IMAGINING OUR YOUTH MINISTRY WITH FAMILIES IN MIND – TOM EAST
Families that pray together, share faith and engage in service together transform their faith, change our parishes and ultimately share Christ’s love in the world. What do we need to inspire and support parents of youth today? This workshop will explore practical ways to re-imagine youth ministry with families in mind.

C03 THE PARISH GOOD SAMARITAN (AND OTHER DUTIES ASSIGNED BY PASTOR) – MIKE PATIN
Slashed budgets and staffs, church/school closings. A misunderstood job. Odd schedules. Multiple, unclear and competing expectations. Sound familiar at all? What else could be added? This session will be a conversation around our realities and Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan. Be prepared to see both with new eyes.
C04 THE PEOPLE’S RESPONSE – JOHN ANGOTTI
Come take a new a new look at how the psalms are not only used as the people’s response for Mass but can serve as inspiration and wisdom as we face the joys and sorrows of everyday life. The lyrics of God’s songbook have much to teach us and music to reveal to us.

C05 COMPETITIVE OR COMPLEMENTARY? YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE COLLISION OF CHURCH AND SPORTS – ANTHONY KEISER
A consistent lament of pastors, youth ministers, and lay leaders is the priority that sports takes in the lives of young people. How is Church supposed to compete? This workshop flips that question on its head, and instead answers what best practices of sports and coaching should be used in a youth ministry setting.

C06 THE CHURCH IS LISTENING: LET’S TALK – NICHOLAS STEIN
Pope Francis is encouraging the Church to listen and to engage in dialogue with young people (as well as their families and ministry leaders), saying: “The Church also wishes to listen to your voice, your sensitivities and your faith; even your doubts and your criticism. Make your voice heard, let it resonate in communities and let it be heard by your shepherds of souls.” (Synod Introduction, Jan. 13, 2017) In that spirit, come and engage in conversation with Church leaders. The National Dialogue invites young adult Catholics, parents and ministry leaders to join a conversation about faith, what brings you joy, and how the church can serve you. Come participate and share your story to Catholic sisters, brothers, and priests. The Church is listening and would love to hear your voice, so that – together – we can discover what the future holds.

C07 FORMING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES ON A CATHOLIC CAMPUS: THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME! – MARIE GALLO-LETHCOE
Catholic education exists for one reason: to the build the Kingdom of God by forming young people as missionary disciples. This workshop will explore the many opportunities of Catholic Education, some often missed. Using the most basic teachings of the Church and applying them to the lives twenty-first century young people is a recipe for success.

C08 HOW TO BURN THE CANDLE AT BOTH ENDS AND AVOID BURNOUT – VALLIMAR JANSSEN
As a Youth Minister you can sometimes a lay psychologist, a career counselor, an athletic consultant, a music coach, a relationship counselor, a nutrition adviser, a time management consultant, etc., etc. Is there always time to help Youth learn the story of our faith or to have a deeper relationship with God? What about self-care?

C09 WHO MOVED MY PASTOR?: NAVIGATING CHANGES IN MINISTRY – WILL SMITH
Oh no they moved your pastor! Just when you finally learned how to work together - you're back to square one. Don't waste time "training" the new guy, rather, learn how to navigate this change in ministry to produce better ministry.

C11 HOW TO BUILD A DYNAMIC CORE TEAM TO PLAN AND LEAD MINISTRY – CHRIS WESLEY
We know we can't do ministry on our own, without the proper help we'll get tired, frustrated and even burn out. It doesn't take long for those of us in ministry to discover that we need volunteers. But, where do you find quality ones that will not only help out, but take your ministry up a notch? And, how do you keep them around? The breakout How To Build A Dynamic Core Team answers those questions by looking at practical strategies to recruiting and training a healthy and dynamic team of volunteers who will help you do what God's called you to do.
C12 HAVE YOU HAD A LEADERSHIP WELLNESS ASSESSMENT LATELY – CINDEE CASE
Are you a "Healthy" leader? In December, 2014, Pope Francis told the Roman Curia, "They are diseases and temptations which weaken our service to the Lord." He presented a list of 15 "diseases" which we will use to assess our own leadership for our ministries and discuss "treatment options" to get us back on the road to wellness!

C13 MARTHMARIA MORALES: FORMACION VS. RETIROS – ARMANDO CERVANTES

C14 GREAT IDEAS IN PRAYER – JANE ANGHA, MODERATOR
This panel presentation will be based on Prayer and Worship session submissions from panelists.

D01 INVOLVING YOUTH IN PARISH LEADERSHIP – ANN MARIE ECKERT
Are youth serving as leaders in your parish? Do they lead in youth ministry? Every parish has talented, able, thoughtful young people who can contribute great things to the parish and youth ministry efforts. Learn how to open up opportunities for youth to lead, how to empower them for their roles, and how to prepare the parish to accept what they can offer.

D02 ALL ARE WELCOME: BEYOND DECLARATION TO MANIFESTATION – JESSE MANIBUSAN
We've come a long way, but look at the news, both recent and past, and it's clear we've a long way to go. It begins with each and all of us. To be a church that embodies the transforming and heroic hospitality of Jesus, we must admit where and how we miss the mark, and then respond faithfully to solutions that bring and celebrate union.

D03 BRUISES ON THE INSIDE: THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF BULLYING – ROY PETITFILS
Bullying is a significant cause of stress, anxiety, depression, self-harm and suicide in youth. You'll learn what bullying is and is not, it's most prevalent forms, the psychology of the aggressor and the victim, differences in male and female bullying as well as individual and institutional preventive and response strategies.

D04 DWELL AMONG THEM: EXPLORING INCARNATION-DRIVEN MINISTRY – KATIE PREJEAN MCGRADY
When we read "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" in the Gospel of John, we immerse ourselves in the reality of the Incarnation: God became man so that we can be in relationship with Him. This is life-changing, and the encounter with Jesus face to face transforms us entirely, turning us into a virtuous, prayerful, selfless individual who seeks to spread the Gospel. Does our ministry seek to do the same? Does our ministry introduce the reality of the Incarnation, and also build relationships with others that are transformational? Do we seek to build relationships with young people, new parishioners, and families, hoping to also help them meet and be in relationship with Jesus? Are we being incarnational?

D05 CRAWLING IN THE DARK: SEARCHING FOR THE LIGHTS! – PATRICK SPRANKLE
Have you ever been in the dark, darkness so deep and black that you cannot see your hand before your eyes? Many young adults who experience times of doubt and confusion in their faith wander around as if in a spiritual darkness. What is a good youth minister to do? Join us for practical strategies and proven tools!
D06 GOING, GOING, GONE: WHAT NOW? – DR. BOB MCCARTY
In their study, the Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics, Saint Mary’s Press describes extensive research on young Catholics who have left the Church. This session will identify the underlying dynamics that lead to disaffiliation and we will propose pastoral strategies that enhance affiliation and engagement with the faith community.

D07 MARRIAGE AND MINISTRY: HOW TO SUCCEED AT ONE WITHOUT LOSING THE OTHER – CHRIS AND LINDA PADGETT
Marriage can and family life can be difficult. Many people who feel called to ministry often unintentionally sacrifice their family in order to serve those in their ministerial reach. This talk is meant to help ministers not only bless those they are employed to lead, but remind and equip them in their first vocation.

D08 PORN NO: A PASTORAL APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM OF PORNOGRAPHY – JEFFREY JENKINS
In 2015, the USSCB published a statement entitled, "Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography," highlighting the rampant effects of pornography use and addiction. This session will bring out the salient points of the bishops' statement, especially those relevant to youth. Other resources related to pornography, including addiction recovery, will be shared.

D10 BRIDES, CAKE, ICE CREAM, AND EVANGELIZATION – CLAIRE GALLAGHER
Come find out what ice cream has to do with evangelization, and how to empower your youth to more comfortably and confidently share their faith. This workshop will give you practical ideas that you can use right away to encourage regular evangelization in your ministry, and to empower your youth to evangelize outside of their campus ministry events and youth group meetings.

D11 GREAT IDEAS IN YOUTH MINISTRY MODELS – KIM MCMILLAN, MODERATOR
Finding a way to keep it R.E.A.L. Creating an environment to promote Relational, Experiential, Authentic, Lasting ministry with youth. This panel presentation will be based on Youth Ministry Models session submissions from panelists.

D12 PANEL DE MEJORES PRÁCTICAS SOBRE COLABORACIÓN – ROSEMARIE BANIC, MARIA COOKY ERACI-PEREZ, REY MALAVE
Los panelistas compartirán las mejores prácticas de colaboración a nivel diocesano, parroquial y voluntario.

D13 NEW ERA IN CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY – RICH CURRAN, MATT SCHWARTZ
The data is clear, the model of youth group is no longer effective. In this session we will dive deep into the parish organizational structures and support systems necessary to design and implement a multi-faceted ministry that specifically addresses the diverse formation needs of youth and families on a variety of spiritual development levels. Forming Missional Disciples is more than icebreakers and activities. It requires focused efforts of formation and hands-on training to apprentice young people into the life and mission of Christ and His Church.
The consultation and missionary activities of the V National Encuentro of Hispanic / Latino Ministry have empowered our Catholic faithful to reach out with love and compassion to neighbors in need, and to stretch their capacity for leadership, organization, and the use of technology to extend the mission of the Church. From its earliest organizing meetings, concern for Hispanic / Latino youth and young adults has been at the forefront of the design and implementation of the process. This panel will provide in-depth analysis of the ways Hispanic young people participated in and contributed to the V Encuentro consultation, as well as providing some noteworthy findings that will serve as the basis for dialogue and reflection on the present and future of Hispanic youth and young adult ministry.

K01 – Thursday Keynote – JULIANNE STANZ
Join Julianne Stanz as she guides us in exploring how we unlock and cultivate our personal relationship with Christ.

K02 – Friday Keynote – SYNOD PANEL – Bishop Caggiano, Bishop Perez, Bishop Murry, Fr. João Chagas, Katie Prejean McGrady
Join panelists Bishop Frank Caggiano of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Bishop George Murry of the Diocese of Youngstown, Bishop Nelson Perez of the Diocese of Cleveland, and Fr. João Chagas of the Youth Section of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, for a panel discussion on the Synod and how we might unlock missionary discipleship in light of the Synod.

K03 – Saturday Keynote – Sr. Josephine Garrett
Join Sr. Josephine as she leads us in exploring how we unlock the minds and hearts of the young.

MH01 – Thursday Mass Homily – Fr. Alejandro López-Cardinale

MH02 – Friday Mass Homily – Bishop Frank Caggiano

MH03 – Saturday Mass Homily – Bishop Gregory Parkes