



Thank you for your participation in ACYC 2020. A very special thanks to Archbishop Rodi, all of our priests, religious, seminarians, exhibitors, and volunteers present who generously gave their time to be with us this weekend. Thank you all!



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Happy St. Valentine's Day and Welcome to the ACYC! **ArchMob!**

It is fitting that on St. Valentine's Day, when we focus on the love we have for others, we begin our ACYC with the theme: **Deus Caritas Est --- God is Love**. As we gather from throughout the Archdiocese of Mobile to celebrate faith and community, I pray that this will be a time to grow in a realization of how much God loves us.

We can have many images of God. Some of the ideas we have about God may draw us closer to Him. Other images we have of God may turn us away from Him. But St. John in the Bible sums up God in three words: "**God is love**." (1 John 4:8) God loves us more than we love ourselves. God wants us to have the good things we need more than we desire to receive them. God wants us to be in eternal life with Him more than we long for it. God's love is perfect and it reaches out to us.

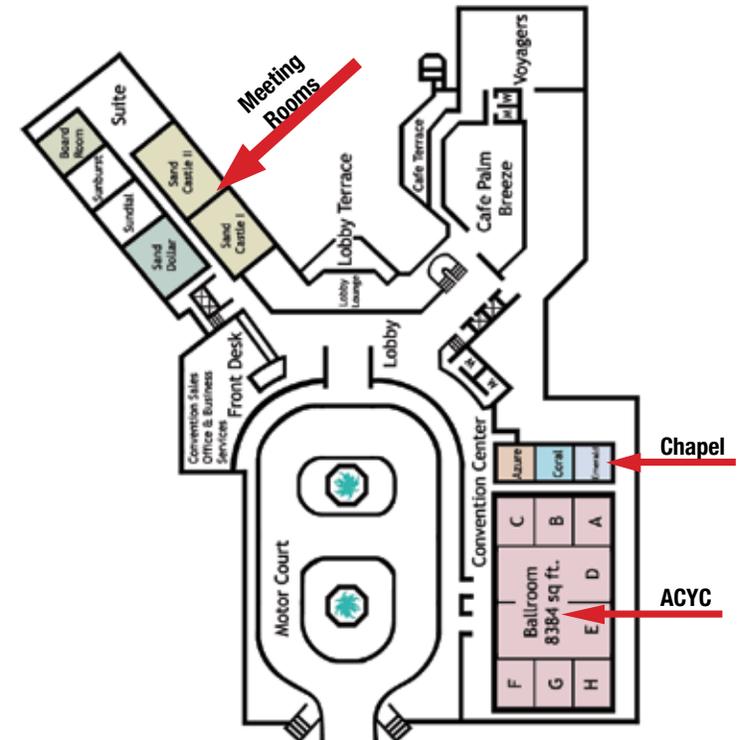
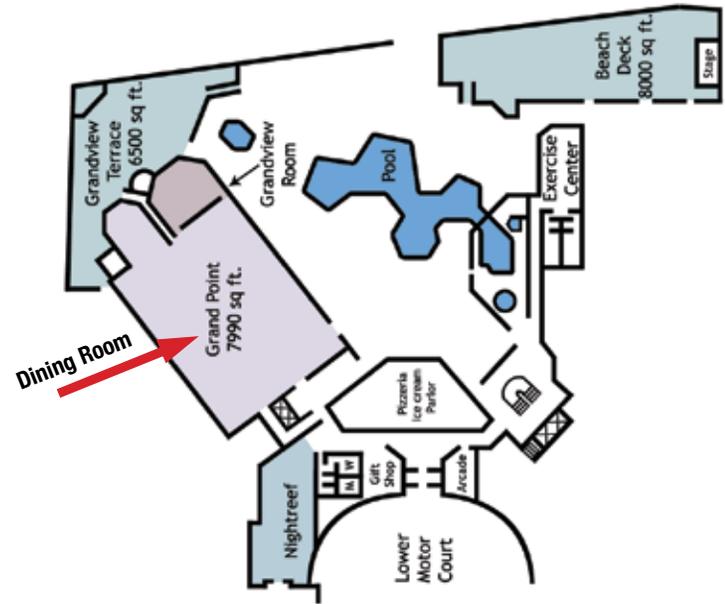
Even in our flawed, imperfect human love, we know that love wants to be returned. When we love someone we want them to love us back. It is one of the deepest feelings of the human heart. If we can understand this, then we have a glimpse into the heart of God. **God is Love** and His love continues to search after us, like a shepherd for a lost sheep, so that we may love Him in return. It is not that God needs our love. Instead, God in His love knows that we need to love Him. Our hearts were made to love God and will not rest until they do.

A big "thank you" to Mr. Adam Ganuchau, Director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, for organizing the ACYC and to Ms. Marjorie Lilly, Administrative Assistant, who helps in many ways. Thanks to all the adults who participate in youth ministry and who are present with the young people from their parish. You make it possible for our young people to be here. Thanks to our priests, religious, deacons, and seminarians who have made the effort to be present with us. You are all a special blessing!

So enjoy ACYC! I look forward to being with you all during the weekend. **ArchMob!**

Sincerely in the Lord,

Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi
Archbishop of Mobile



EXHIBITS AT ACYC 2020

- 1) ARCHDIOCESE OF MOBILE CATHOLIC CHARITIES
<http://mobarch.org/giving/catholic-charities/>
- 2) ARCHDIOCESE OF MOBILE VOCATIONS OFFICE
www.mobilevocations.org
- 3) DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY
www.daughtersofcharity.org
- 4) LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
www.littlesistersofthepoormobile.org
- 5) RICKY VAZQUEZ BAND
<http://www.rickyvazquezmusic.com/>
- 6) ODB FILMS
<https://odbfilms.com/>
- 7) CHIKA ANYANWU
<https://www.chika.church/>

CATHOLIC MERCHANDISE:

THE WORD IS CATHOLIC (*Water Bottles*)
<https://www.thewordiscatholic.com/>

SOCK RELIGIOUS (*Socks*)
www.sockreligious.com

TINY SAINTS (*Charms*)
<https://www.tinysaints.com/>

CAT GEAR (*T-Shirts & Hoodies*)
www.catgear.com

TOTALLY CATHOLIC FUNDRAISING (*Jewelry And Rosaries*)
<http://www.totallycatholicfundraising.com/>

ACYC 2020 SCHEDULE

Friday 2/14/20:

7:00 pm – Traveler’s Mass – *Sand Castle*
7:45 pm – Doors Open – *Convention Center Ballroom*
8:00 pm – ACYC General Session I: Official Welcome, Introductions, & Opening Keynote
9:00 – 10:00 pm – Reconciliation
10:15 pm – Pizza party and social – *Grand Reef*
12:00 am – Lights out

Saturday 2/15/20:

Exhibit Vendors Available to Visit
8:00 am – Breakfast - *Grand Reef*
8:45 am – Doors Open – *Convention Center Ballroom*
9:00 am – ACYC General Session II & Keynote
10:15 am – Breakout Sessions – *See Below*
A) A Reason for Your Hope: Crash Course in Apologetics – Pat Arensberg – *Ballroom*
B) Representation Matters – Chika Anyanwu – *Sand Castle*
C) Living Water: Learning from the Woman at the Well – Fr. Nicholas Napolitano – *Paradise Reef*
D) Practical Steps to Begin DYVing (Discerning Your Vocation)
– Fr. Victor Ingalls and Seminarians – *Grand Reef*
E) Adults: “Christus Vivit” and a 2020 Vision for Youth Ministry – Doug Tooke – *Night Reef*
11:00 am – Celebration of Holy Mass (Fr. Andrew Jones, homilist) – *Convention Center Ballroom*
12:10 pm – Lunch and Free Time – *Grand Reef*
2:30 pm – ACYC General Session III – *Convention Center Ballroom*
3:00 pm – IMMERSE at ACYC
5:00 pm – Breakout Sessions – *See Below*
F) Media with a Mission - Doug Tooke – *Ballroom*
G) Courageous Charity: Women in Scripture -Sr. Meg Kymes – *Sand Castle*
H) Bilingual: Breaking Our Walls/Rompiendo Nuestros Muros – Sonya Garcia – *Paradise Reef*
I) What Gives? The Role of a Christian Steward – Shannon Roh – *Grand Reef*
J) Adults: Give Me a Drink: A Ministry Model from John 4
– Fr. Nicholas Napolitano and Pat Arensberg – *Night Reef*
5:45 pm – Visit Exhibit Vendors - *Foyer*
6:15 pm – Dinner – *Grand Point*
7:30 pm – ACYC General Session IV and Keynote – *Convention Center Ballroom*
8:40 pm – Eucharistic Adoration
10:00 pm – Parish processing time – *Ballroom, Foyer and Lobby*
12:00 am – Lights out

Sunday 2/16/20:

7:30 am – Breakfast – *Grand Reef*
8:30 am – Doors Open – *Convention Center Ballroom*
8:45 am – ACYC General Session V, Blessed Seelos Award, ACYC Video Presentation
– *Convention Center Ballroom*
10:00 am – Break to set up for Mass
10:30 am – Celebration of Holy Mass – Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi, celebrant & homilist
– *Convention Center Ballroom*
12:00 pm – Check out and departure



Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi was born in New Orleans, Louisiana and attended De La Salle High School. Upon graduation, he attended and graduated from both Georgetown University in Washington D.C. and Tulane School of Law in New Orleans. After law school, he discerned a call to the priesthood and entered Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of New Orleans in 1978. He served as a pastor at St. Rita Parish in New Orleans and taught Canon Law at Notre Dame Seminary for ten years. He was appointed Chancellor of the Archdiocese of New Orleans in 1992 and Vicar General in 1996. He was appointed Bishop of Biloxi in

2001 where he served for 7 years. Archbishop Rodi has served as the shepherd of the Archdiocese of Mobile since his appointment in 2008.



Doug Tooke is the Vice President of Ministry Advancement for ODB Films as well as an adjunct staff member with Life Teen International. With Bachelor of Arts degrees in both Philosophy and Theology and a Masters in Pastoral Ministry he has over twenty years of professional ministry experience. He has traveled to over 100 Dioceses in the past 20 years teaching, keynoting conventions, and training youth ministers. He is a recipient of the National Catholic Youth Ministry Award from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Doug is married to his wife Becky and lives in Helena, MT with their five daughters.



Chika Anyanwu is an international Catholic evangelist in and author currently based in Anaheim. Chika has shared her love for Jesus as a confirmation coordinator and young adult ministry in Southern California, is a two-time alumna of the National Evangelization Teams Ministries, and was an Area Contact for Life Teen. Her book, “My Encounter: How I Met Jesus in Prayer” is a perfect pocket-sized testimonial and devotional for all ages. Chika is a part of a big and beautiful Nigerian family, loves coffee, and strives for sainthood every day all the although bad drivers challenge her sanctity.



Ricky Vazquez is a full-time bilingual worship leader and recording artist of Puerto Rican descent who currently resides in Nashville, Tennessee. He has led worship for SLS and SEEK conferences for FOCUS, NCYC, Life Teen International events and conferences, and World Youth Day in Panama. He has shared his music and gift for worship at multiple Steubenville Conferences, diocesan conferences, youth rally’s/parish missions, Life Teen and Catholic Heart Work Camps, European/US Training Conferences, Guam’s World Youth Day, and various retreats/conferences across the U.S. and abroad. As a secular artist, he has also toured the country, and his full band releases “More Heart Than

Sleeve” and “Ghost of You” both have charted in the top ten on iTunes. Beyond that, Ricky is a man of faith trying to portray the beauty of life through song. To learn more, check out www.rickyvazquezmusic.com.



Nichlas Napolitano I was born in New Orleans, LA and lived there until I was nine years old. My family then moved to Daphne AL where I attended Christ the King through eighth grade. I graduated from McGill in 2009 and went straight into seminary. I have always considered myself to be quite a nerdy guy. Throughout High School I was a part of the Robotics team and loved to try to restore broken computers in my free time. I was not always open to the vocation for priesthood, even tried to convince God that I was called to marriage by dating as many girls as would say yes. Ultimately, however, in a dark moment of my life, God showed me that He loved me more than I ever believed possible.

Having encountered God’s Divine love for me, I understood His call for my life to be a distributor and sharer of His Love and Mercy. So I went to Seminary. For undergraduate studies I went to the University of St Thomas in St Paul MN and was formed in the St John Vianney College Seminary, graduating in 2013. Then I attended St Meinrad Seminary in Southern Indiana, completing Seminary in May of 2017. Ordained a Priest for the Archdiocese I have spent the last almost three years at St Bede the Venerable in Montgomery. In my short time in Montgomery, I have served as the Youth Minister, taught a theology elective at Montgomery Catholic, and served as one of the Chaplains at the High School. An interesting thing about myself, while I was in high school and while I was applying to seminary, I worked in a store that sold tuxedos, and on a number of occasions, I actually modeled at bridal shows. I love to cook and make home cooked meals for my youth group each week. I have a slightly unhealthy obsession with sloths, in fact, both my rectory and my office are filled with different sloth things. Generally speaking, I am a nerd, but a nerd who fell in love with God and who God made into a priest.