



# San Fernando Pastoral Region Ministry With Young Adults Newsletter

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## Young Adult Day of Renewal

*Empowering Young Adults to Take their Place in the Church.  
Sponsored by SCRC, in collaboration with the L.A. Archdiocese  
Ministry with Young Adults*

*"You are called: Come find your place beside me." — Page 2]*

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## Theology on Tap is back

Theology on Tap returned for its fourth year on July 18 and drew more young adults than ever before. TOT is our flagship initiative as we work towards gathering and welcoming all young adults to our events regardless of where they are in their spiritual journey.



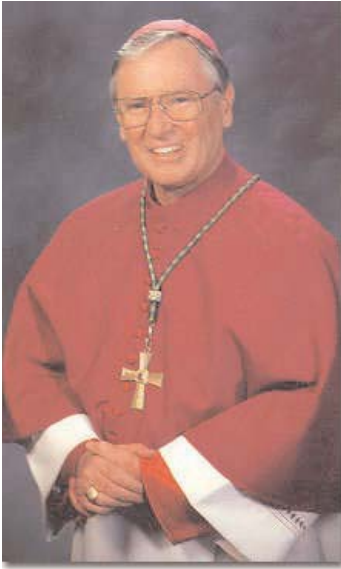
The four-week summer program was held this year at St. John Baptist de la Salle parish in Granada Hills. Audiences responded enthusiastically to this year's speakers and topics: "Was There a Mrs. Jesus? Cracking the Da Vinci Code and Other Conspiracy Theories" with Bill Shaules; "The devil made me do it! Spiritual Warfare" with Dominic Berardino; "Adam and Eve, the Big Bang and Monkey Business: A Scientist Examines the Existence of God" with Fr. Richard Benson; and "Relationships and Sex in the City of God" with Dr. Ross Porter.

Due to the tremendous response, the series will now continue beyond the summer months for the first time. [Number]

# Theology on Tap continues in the fall

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{Oct. 3 and 17 at 7:30 p.m.}

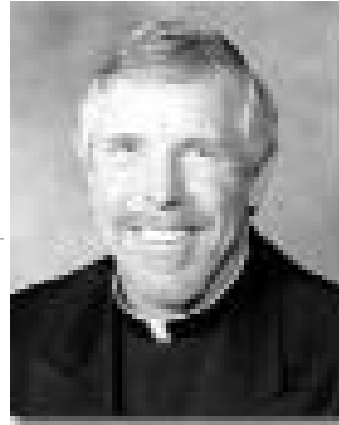


**Bishop Gerald Wilkerson** |  
"Bishop Wilkerson  
Unplugged: Wars, Scandals,  
Elections and Other Hot  
Button Topics"

*Do you know where the church really stands on the most controversial issues of the day? Have you been tempted to reject your faith because it doesn't jive with your general outlook? Join us for our ongoing Theology on Tap series as the bishop takes your questions in a "no spin zone."*

Oct. 3 | At MARGARITA'S IN VALENCIA, 23320 VALENCIA BLVD., VALENCIA  
Oct. 17 | At?

{Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m.}



**Father Richard Benson** | "Begotten Not Made: Catholic Teaching about Cloning, Stem Cell Research"

{Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m.}

**Father Alexander J. Lewis**

*Love, lust, sex and God: How do they all fit together? How can we tell one from the other and what God wants from us? Join us as we take a look at relationships and how they impact us.*

At MARGARITA'S IN VALENCIA, 23320 VALENCIA BLVD.



For speaker bios,  
visit [www.sfmya.org](http://www.sfmya.org)

# Our official Web site is your resource — use it!



In February 2004, the San Fernando Pastoral Region Ministry With Young Adults went high-tech and launched its Web site — [www.sfmya.org](http://www.sfmya.org). As our ministry grows, it is critical that we stay connected.

Our goal is to increase awareness of our ministry throughout the region as well as the entire Los Angeles Archdiocese.

Communication and relationship-building are the key ingredients in expanding our ministry and fostering synergy between parishes and regions.

OUR MISSION

We're here to connect all young adults — regardless of their status in the church (married, single, divorced, unbaptized, etc.) — ages 18 to 39, with Jesus, the Catholic Church and one another through spiritual, social and service opportunities. Our events are for **YOU**, regardless of where you are in your life and your faith journey.

## An introduction to clustering

What is a cluster? Simply put, a cluster is a group united for a common cause. In our case, a cluster is a group of parishes united for the creation of strong and local Young Adult ministries.

Clustering brings to mind the familiar story about "stone soup." A man in a poor village had nothing but a large pot of hot water and a few stones. He gathered others to share in his "soup." Each added an ingredient until the soup was truly a meal that all could enjoy.

In the same way, clustering allows young adults from different parishes to gather so that every young adult can enjoy the benefits of this ministry. Young adults have many gifts

to offer, and clusters give them the opportunity to share these gifts with one another.

SFMYA has formed eight clusters to serve the young adults of this region. To learn more about clusters in our area, visit our Web site at [www.sfmya.org](http://www.sfmya.org). (See map insert for map of clusters in the San Fernando Pastoral Region.)



## Young adult fund and direct deposit

Young adults can contribute to their own ministry using direct deposit. Five or \$10 can be deposited in the YA fund automatically each month from your paycheck. The YA fund is used exclusively to support YA ministries in the region and will help us to build and sustain a vibrant and self-sufficient ministry. Bishop Gerald Wilkerson, our regional bishop, and the YA advisory board will determine the use of this fund.

For more information, e-mail Dennis Young at [dennis.young@sfmya.org](mailto:dennis.young@sfmya.org).



# How to get involved

- *About the Young Adult Advisory Board*

The Young Adult Advisory board was established to keep the bishop informed, to help develop MYA in the region and to share information among young adult leaders.

Opening become available periodically. If you would like to serve on this board or learn more about it, e-mail [board@sfmya.org](mailto:board@sfmya.org).

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## Thank you...

Thanks for your support of San Fernando Ministry With Young Adults. Your comments and suggestions for this ministry are welcomed. Please post them on the MYA Message board on our Web site. If you would like to become more involved with this ministry, contact Dennis Young at [dennis.young@sfmya.org](mailto:dennis.young@sfmya.org).

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