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40,000 expected for Congress 2005

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Join us and about 40,000 other Catholics from around the world as we learn more about our faith and

have a good time doing it.

With hundreds of workshops and speakers, you're sure to find something of interest.

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Cardinal, bishops to meet with young adults

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"Rebuild my Church!"

These are the words Jesus mentioned to a young adult, St. Francis of Assisi.

Today, Bishop Gerald Wilkerson and Cardinal Roger Mahony, along with the Synod implementation office, renew that call to a new generation of young adults.

Join the cardinal and bishop as we undertake a bold new vision of church in the 21st century. This will be two-way conversation with our leaders.

Topics include: evange-

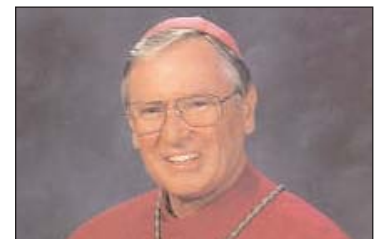
lization, young adults, structures for lay participation, and many more.

What ideas do you have for making the Church of today more responsive to the challenges of tomorrow?

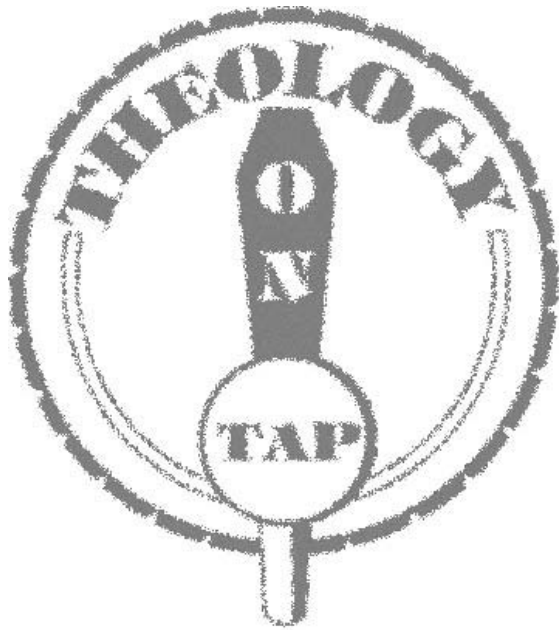
Our history is full of young adults that have stepped forward to guide the church in times of need. The church needs you.

Meeting times are, with Bishop Wilkerson, March 5 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Incarnation Parish, 1001 N. Brand Blvd. in Glendale; with Cardinal Mahony on March 12 from 6 to 8:30 p.m., location to be determined; and with Bishop Gabino Zabala on March 19 at 10 a.m., at St.

Philip the Apostle Parish, 151 S. Hill Ave. in Pasadena.



Cardinal Roger Mahony, top, and Bishop Gerald Wilkerson, above, will be among the clergy who will meet with young adults to discuss the future of the church.



Antelope Valley Ministry With Young Adults presents 'Deacons Gone Wild!'

From St. Didacus in Sylmar, Deacon Ray Camacho and his wonderful wife, Denise Camacho, will be sharing their story and life experiences in "Deacons Gone Wild!" on Feb. 27.

Enjoy a free buffet of pizza, salad and garlic bread, and no-host bar at Nick's Pizza, 43755 W. 15th St. in Lancaster.

Come to the desert for fun, fellowship and two dynamic speakers. Deacon Ray and Denise have been involved in ministry for over 10 years. They are young, vibrant and dynamic speakers. Anyone who has heard Deacon Ray knows that he doesn't pull any punches and tells it like it is.

For more information, call Regi Meehan at (661) 729-9229 or e-mail tot@sfmya.org.



Support the bishop's effort to start young adult ministries



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The sad truth of ministry work is that it requires money to be successful. If you would like to help support this very important ministry, you can set up a monthly Web bill pay of \$5 or \$10 to go directly into the bishop's young adult fund. The funds will be used only to support MYA. The bishop and his advisory board will determine how it will be spent. We will not take more than \$10 a month — your local parish should get that. An automated online banking service or Web bill pay is needed to do this. You can also send a check to the address below.

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Testimonials

God or mammon?

The Bible clearly tells us to tithe.

Catholic tradition holds that this can be done in time, talent, or treasure.

While giving 10 percent of our income can be difficult, we should give to our local parish at least what we pay in cable television.

While God isn't short on cash, the average church-going Catholic gives less than \$5 a week.

Our parish is there for us.

Will we be there for it?

Did you know?

1. Over 400 young adults participated in Theology on Tap this season!
2. There were over 200 young adults at the SCRC Day of Renewal!
3. 2,500 copies of this newsletter were made

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MEET ...

Ann Marie Mercer and daughter, Kaeleen...

Antelope Valley MYA

“ I joined MYA twice.

The first time, I thought, “Who would want a single mother to be in their group?” I kept thinking that I was the odd ball because no one would share my situation. So I went to two functions and saw nothing there. I wanted to get out of it. I felt this ministry was not for me. Boy was I wrong.

The second time I went, I took another look. There were many different life stories there, because I opened my eyes to the possibility of what they had to offer my family.

My child and I enjoy the group and everything it has to offer. I also have learned a thing or two at all of the wonderful speaking events (Theology on Tap) and social events (swing dancing was



one of my favorites).

Mainly, I have gained from this ministry a vast amount of friends who share their life with me and allow me to share mine with them.

I thank God every time I see them.

St. Finbar presents Father Robert Faricy

St. Finbar presents the Rev. Robert Faricy for Theology on Tap on Jan. 30 beginning at 7 p.m. at St. Finbar's parish hall, 2010 W. Olive Ave. in Burbank.

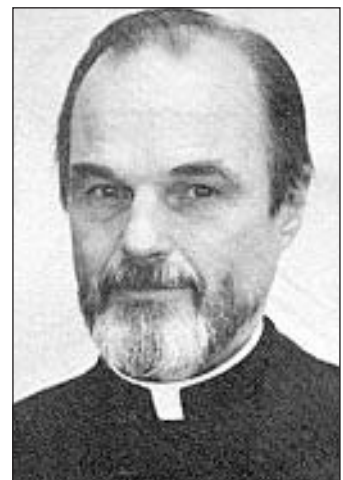
Faricy is an emeritus professor of spirituality at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and author of many books and articles on theology, spirituality and philosophy.

The topic of the night is “The Power Of Love: God's Love for us, Ours for Him and Ours for One Another.”

Please join us as we learn more about what Love truly is.

Theology on Tap is meant to be an informal atmosphere, where young adults can comfortably discuss issues that matter to them, and in ways that truly stimulate.

At Theology on Tap, we've made it a custom to also have food and beverage refreshments (even beer and wine) to make the sessions warm and friendly; more like a “dinner event” and less like an “academic lecture.”



Father Robert Faricy will speak on the topic of love in “The Power Of Love: God's Love for us, Ours for Him and Ours for One Another.”

[‘Did’ — this year’s L.A. Religious
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 held in the large auditorium.
 because 1,000 copies were Young Adult Ministry is on
 not enough last quarter! the rise. 2005 will offer more
 4. The young adult Mass at opportunities to get involved.

Thank you

MYA enriches our lives. It gives us the opportunity to meet and befriend young adults in our parish and diocese of varying backgrounds and personalities.

It provides fellowship and understanding among people who are at similar places in their lives. We have developed close rich friendships with many who we may have not otherwise met. Without MYA, our lives would be undoubtedly poorer.

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, e-mail us at sfmya@sfmya.org.

How to get involved



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 Regi Meehan at regi.meehan@sfmya.org.

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