



Chicago Faith Congress:

Reignite the Journey

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE CHICAGO FAITH CONGRESS?

The Chicago Faith Congress is a formation opportunity for the professional and volunteer ministers who share the faith through parish-, grouping-, vicariate- and archdiocese-level lifelong formation ministries. The Chicago Faith Congress will LIFT, FORM, and EMPOWER all who are answering the call as Catechists towards revitalizing our parish ministries and together lead, form, and accompany God's people through a lifelong formation journey as Disciples of Christ and His Church.

WHAT IS THE THEME OF THE 2018 CHICAGO FAITH CONGRESS?

The theme is Reignite the Journey, and the sessions will introduce Lifelong Formation and how each of our ministry roles play an important part of a parish vision for Lifelong Formation as well as reignite a sense of personal lifelong formation in the Congress participants.

WHAT IS THE DATE OF THE 2018 CHICAGO FAITH CONGRESS?

Saturday, February 10, 2018

AT WHAT TIME WILL THE 2018 CHICAGO FAITH CONGRESS BE HELD?

The 2018 CFC will begin with registration/packet pickup at 8 a.m. The final event of the Congress is a Closing Prayer Service from 3:30 - 4 p.m.

WHERE WILL THE 2018 CHICAGO FAITH CONGRESS BE HELD?

Loyola University Lakeshore Campus
1032 West Sheridan Road
Chicago, IL, 60660

See the **Directions** tab for further information.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE CHICAGO FAITH CONGRESS?

Examples of all who answer the call of a Catechist:

- Pastors
- Deacons
- Parents
- Catechetical Leaders
- Children's Ministers
- Youth Ministers
- Priests
- Religious Sisters
- Religious Brothers
- Young Adult Ministers
- Adult Faith Formation Ministers,
- RCIA ministers
- Catholic School Teachers
- PreCana Facilitators
- Baptismal Prep Facilitators
- Married couples

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WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CHICAGO CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE AND THE CHICAGO FAITH CONGRESS?

The new conference name we have selected suggests some differences between the two conferences. We recognize the need and importance of gathering God's people for ongoing formation in the Archdiocese of Chicago and emphasize the move from solely focusing on catechetical formation toward a lifelong faith formation approach.

The content of the CFC moves beyond the focus of parish catechists and Catholic school teacher audience toward a broad approach that is inclusive of ministries at the parish. These opportunities touch lifelong formation moments such as children's ministry, youth ministry, young adult ministry, adult faith formation, family ministry, RCIA and sacramental preparation.

The Congress will be an opportunity to understand learning perspectives but also become a formal gathering of delegates for sharing ideas, best practices, dialog, catechetical formation, prayer, and ministerial training that leads to intentional follow up that can happen at the vicariate level. Our hope is that through intentionality parish leadership and ministries in the Archdiocese can help further and advance efforts in Lifelong Faith Formation through the lens of Renew My Church.

Finally, through recognition ceremonies, luncheons, and other creative ways, CFC will be an engaging experience that will lift, form, and empower our catechists/ministers in their mission to making disciples of Christ of all ages and communities.

IS THERE FOLLOW UP AFTER THIS YEAR'S CFC?

We will use various key resources and tools to help follow up from this year's CFC. Key items we are hoping to roll out will include a CFC app, ministerial documents, webinars, certification online courses and other items will be developed from the sessions and discussions at the CFC for the ongoing formation of leaders supporting a common approach to understanding and supporting lifelong faith formation in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

CAN WE EXPECT THE CHICAGO FAITH CONGRESS NEXT YEAR TOO?

In the Office of Lifelong Formation we are committing to a multi-year plan for the Chicago Faith Congress that will unfold over five years. Our hope is that we can gradually add various format elements that can help facilitate intentional dialog and sharing of best practices on key issues. We hope to roll out vicariate-based follow-up summits that can continue to move CFC discussions toward more practical local actions rooted in the realities of geographic communities in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

SHOULD I REGISTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR WITH MY PARISH?

Both options are available.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO ATTEND THE CHICAGO FAITH CONGRESS?

The Early Bird rate is:

\$25 for Congress registration and parking

\$32 for registration, parking and lunch.

Beginning December 1, the price increases to:

\$30 for registration and parking

\$38 for registration, parking and lunch.

IS PARKING INCLUDED IN MY REGISTRATION?

Yes.

IS LUNCH INCLUDED IN MY REGISTRATION?

Not necessarily. You can register for Congress with lunch included or without lunch included. It is your choice.

CAN I BRING A BAG LUNCH?

Yes. There will be areas in Damen Hall where you can sit and eat your bag lunch.

ARE THERE LOCAL PLACES TO BUY LUNCH?

The following places are restaurants near Loyola University Chicago:

- Pete's Pizzeria and Bakery (1100 West Granville Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660) – Pizza, Pasta, Gelato
- Dak (1104 West Granville Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660) – Bibimbap, Chicken Wings
- Flaco's Tacos (1116 20 West Granville Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660) – Tacos
- Summer Noodles and Rice (1123 West Granville Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660) – Noodles
- Ann Sather Restaurant (1147 West Granville Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660) – Breakfast
- Awash Ethiopian Restaurant (6322 North Broadway Street, Chicago, IL 60660) – Ethiopian, Vegetarian
- Clarkes Rogers Park (6431 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60626) – Breakfast
- Felice's Kitchen (6441 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60626) – Loyola University Chicago Student-Run Pizzeria
- Five Guys (6477 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60626) – Burgers
- Blaze Pizza (6550 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60626) – Pizza
- Chipotle Mexican Grill (6600 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60626) – Mexican
- bopNgrill (6604 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60626) – Bibimbap, Korean
- Rice Thai Café and Sushi (6744 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60626) – Thai, Sushi
- Great Wall Chinese (6748 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60626) – Chinese

WHAT IS THE ST. PEDRO CALUNGSOD CATECHIST RECOGNITION BREAKFAST?

Nominees are catechists from any parish formation program who is a recognized leader or an outstanding novice catechist of the parish/program.

Nominations are on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be accepted until Friday, January 5, 2018.

By nominating a person, you and your pastor agree, confirm and are fully responsible that this person is in full compliance with the nominating requirements and is in good standing with your parish and the Archdiocese of Chicago.

WHO SHOULD I NOMINATE FOR THE ST. PEDRO CALUNGSOD CATECHIST RECOGNITION BREAKFAST?

This is an opportunity for you as the Pastor or parish Catechetical Leader to recognize a catechist or formation minister who has shown great leadership and potential to become a Lay Leader in Lifelong Formation at the parish, grouping, vicariate or archdiocesan level. We wish to LIFT up those who have shown dedication to formation and recognize them for all they have contributed to the Church. Attendance is limited to 70 nominees, so register early!

SHOULD I TELL MY NOMINEE THAT THEY ARE GOING TO THE BREAKFAST?

No. We will send you, an email confirmation that your catechist/minister will be included in this recognition event and, we will be sending them a special invitation in the mail as well.

DOES THE PARISH OR NOMINEE PAY FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE ST. PEDRO CALUNGSOD CATECHIST RECOGNITION BREAKFAST?

No, the breakfast is being sponsored so participation is FREE.

WHAT IS THE OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS, CATECHETICAL LEADER LUNCH?

The Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas Catechetical Leader Lunch is an opportunity for fellowship and networking and will include a special presentation on your role in Renew My Church.

Registration for the Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, Catechetical Leader Lunch are on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be accepted until Friday, January 5, 2018.

By registering, you and your pastor agree, confirm, and are fully responsible that this person is in full compliance with the nominating requirements and is in good standing with your parish and the Archdiocese of Chicago.

WHY WOULD I WANT TO ATTEND THE OLOG CATECHETICAL LEADER LUNCH?

Attendance at the Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, Catechetical Leader Lunch is an opportunity to share in fellowship with other Catechetical Leaders from the Archdiocese of Chicago. You will be able to network with those peers you may not see at regular cluster and vicariate gatherings. There will be a short presentation on your role in Renew My Church, and our sponsors, the National Conference of Catechetical Leaders and Bayard, publisher of CATECHIST magazine, will be sharing a preview of the NCCL 2018 conference. Participation is limited to 70 attendees, so register early!

DO I PAY FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE OLOG CATECHETICAL LEADER LUNCH?

No, the lunch is being sponsored so participation is FREE.

DO I GET A FREE PASS TO THE 2018 CHICAGO FAITH CONGRESS IF I EITHER PARTICIPATE IN THE OLOG CATECHETICAL LEADER LUNCH OR NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR THE ST. PEDRO CALUNGSOD CATECHIST RECOGNITION BREAKFAST?

No, Congress registration fees will still be applied to your registration.

WILL I BE CHARGED FOR LUNCH IN MY CONGRESS REGISTRATION IF I PARTICIPATE IN THE OLOG CATECHETICAL LEADER LUNCH?

No, you will not be charged for lunch if you have registered in time to get one of limited number of seats at the luncheon.

HOW CAN I BECOME A SPONSOR OF THE 2018 CHICAGO FAITH CONGRESS?

Go to the 2018 Chicago Faith Congress website:

pvm.archchicago.org/events/chicago-faith-congress for information on becoming a sponsor.

Thank you!

WILL THERE BE EXHIBITORS AT THE 2018 CHICAGO FAITH CONGRESS?

Yes.

HOW CAN MY ORGANIZATION GET A TABLE AS AN EXHIBITOR AT THE 2018 CHICAGO FAITH CONGRESS?

Go to the 2018 Chicago Faith Congress website:

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Thank you!