

Tenth Southern California Congress of Divine Mercy

There Is No Limit To The Divine Mercy

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Congress Speakers



Most Reverend Oscar A. Solis, D.D., V.G.

Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles

Bishop Oscar Solis was born on October 13, 1953 in San Jose, Nueva Ecija, Philippines. He attended the Divine Word Seminary in Tagaytay City, in the Philippines. He was ordained a priest on April 28, 1979. In the Philippines, he served in the archdiocese of Manila and Cabanatuan. He also served as associate pastor at St. Rocco's Church, Union City, NJ and St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, Thibodaux, LA. In 2004 he was ordained auxiliary bishop and was named Episcopal Vicar for the San Pedro Region in 2009.



Rev. Luke J. Mata, Vicar of Opus Dei in California

Fr. Luke Mata was born in Madrid, Spain. He graduated from Bergen Catholic High School in New Jersey. Fr. Luke has a Doctorate in Moral Philosophy from the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, with a degree in Economics and computer applications. He is a Priest of Opus Dei. Currently He is a Chaplain at the Tilden Study Center at UCLA.



Rev. Jack Stoeger

Fr. Stoeger is a priest of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and currently the Director of the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests in Los Feliz area. He served in 6 very diverse parishes before becoming Spiritual Director of St. John's Seminary in Camarillo. Fr. Jack was involved in the spiritual and human formation of priests for eighteen years before being named Director of the House of Prayer for Priests in 2005. He completed four years of graduate studies in spirituality with a focus on Ignatian and Carmelite Spiritualities. Fr. Stoeger conducts retreats for priests, religious and lay faithful throughout the United States and beyond.



Sister Maria Alicia Hernandez

Sister Maria Alicia was born in Mexico and came with her family when she was 6 years old to Oxnard California, where she did her studies. Sister Maria Alicia entered the convent with the Sisters of Bethany while attending Ventura College, she received her AA degree. Her religious formation was in Guatemala City and she was there for three years and came back to California. Her first assignment was at Catholic Charities in Santa Barbara, then in Lompoc as Religion Teacher at La Purisima Catholic School and Religious Education, Sister Maria Alicia has been a Director of Religious Education at St. John Chrysostom, Holy Spirit, St. Andrew and now at Christ the King Parish. At the Archdiocese of Los Angeles she received her Master Catechist and Virtus Facilitator certificates.



Guillermina Fabián

Guillermina Fabian was born in Morela, Mexico. Her training is in catechesis and methodology, Child and Youth Psychology. She was a Catechist in her parishes in Mexico. Since 1993 she has been a Catechist in her parishes in El Monte and Azusa in California. In 2000 she has been trained in the School of Faith completing her formation in Religious Science as well as extracurricular courses of "Parent's school", Spiritual Direction", "Bioethics" as well as workshops on Catholic Communications. She facilitates the Spanish program "Lord of Mercy", broadcasted Monday to Friday at 3:00 PM at Guadalupe Radio and TV. She is the author of the book "Destellos de Misericordia" as well as Audio producer of "Viacrucis Meditado de Santa Faustina", "Rosario Meditado desde Tierra Santa" with Father Juan Maria Solana, L.C.



Father Mariano De Blas L.C.

Fr. Mariano is a priest of Legionary of Christ, born in Ávila, Spain. Graduated in Classic Humanity in Salamanca, Spain. Studied Philosophy and Theology in the Gregorian Pontifical University in Rome and obtain his licentiate in Philosophy. Currently he lives in Los Angeles and collaborates in Guadalupe Radio and TV in the program "La Alegria de Vivir" He is the author of 7 books, he is prominent for his ability to motivate to live life with Love, Happiness and Hope. He developed formation activities for youth and couples as a director of the CEYCA at Cumbres Institute in Mexico City. Developed a center of personal achievement, and Family Formation at the Andes Institute in San Luis de Potosi..



Rev. Monsignor Charles J. Chaffman, J.C.D.

Msgr. Charles J. Chaffman is a Fellow of the Graduate Theological Foundation and Professor of Theological and Tribunal Studies. He is Director of the International Institute of Theological and Tribunal Studies (IITTS) in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from California State University, Los Angeles, and the Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Religion from St. John's Seminary. He went on to earn the Licentiate in Sacred Theology and Doctorate in Canon Law (J.C.D.) from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas (Angelicum) in Rome. Msgr. Chaffman also holds the Doctor of Divinity degree *honoris causa* from the GTF. Msgr. Chaffman also is the Pastor of St. Paul Catholic Church in San Antonio. Along with his parishioners he established the House of Mercy at the former Agudas Achim Synagogue. While solidly Catholic, the House of Mercy proclaims a message of mercy that reflects the rich traditions of our Jewish brothers and sisters.



Reverend Msgr. Antonio Cacciapuoti

Father Antonio was ordained in Los Angeles in 1990 by Cardinal Roger Mahony and has served the Los Angeles Archdiocese for over 20 years. Father Antonio was born in Naples, Italy, and has since become a proud American citizen. He completed his studies in Theology in Rome, Italy and at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, California. He has served at St. Bede since 2010 after his pastorship at Christ the King Parish in Hollywood where he was pastor for 11 years and with his support The Chapel of Divine Mercy was funded.



Deacon Carlos Ortega

Deacon Carlos was ordained in June 2011, and was assigned at St. Basil's Parish in Los Angeles to help with Masses and Baptismals. Before ordination Carlos was very active at Christ the King Parish, where he was part of the Ministry of Divine Mercy and helped with the Divine Mercy Apostolate "Faustinum" monthly formation. He also has been speaker at Divine Mercy Congress in various occasion.



Reverend Father John-Paul Gonzalez

Fr. John-Paul is a native priest of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He was born on the first anniversary of the pontificate of Pope John Paul II and twenty-two years later the two would meet during a papal audience. Father John-Paul studied at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, California where he received his Master of Divinity and Master of Arts (Systematic Theology) degrees. He was ordained a priest on June 3, 2006 in the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. After ordination he was an associate pastor of St. John of God Parish in Norwalk, California where with his support the shrine to Divine Mercy was erected. For five years Fr. John-Paul was a Chaplain at St. Paul High School. Currently he serves at the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. His own personal pilgrimage to Poland made him a great devotee and promoter of the Divine Mercy devotion.



Reverend Monsignor Paul Montoya

Msgr. Paul was born in Wyoming. He lived in Denver, Colorado, until the age of five, when his family moved to Southern California. He attended St. John Chrysostom Elementary School and Hawthorne High School. After high school he entered St. John's Seminary College from which he graduated in 1969 with a B.A. in Philosophy. Monsignor enrolled in St. John's Seminary Theology and completed his M.A. in Divinity in 1973. Msgr. Paul has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Catholic Charities since 1989. Currently, he is Vice President of the Board of Trustees and serves on the Executive Committee and the Resource Development Committee. Msgr. Paul was named and elevated to Prelate of Honor to His Holiness on June 6, 1995. Since July 01, 2010 Msgr. Montoya is pastor at Christ the King Parish in Hollywood where he completely immersed himself on the propagation of the Divine Mercy Devotion.



Father George J. Bobowski

Fr. George was ordained as a priest on May 26, 1979 by Bishop Mikolaj Sasinowski. After his ordination, for two years he was a parochial vicar. In 1981 he was appointed the chaplain of the "Solidarity" Movement and Bishop's advisor for this Movement. Since 1990 Fr. George dedicates his life to preach and spread the devotion to Divine Mercy. He initiated the Lay Institute of Divine Mercy to continue the research conducted by Blessed Fr. Michael Sopocko, Confessor and Spiritual Director of Saint Faustina Kowalska. Father George is from Bialystok – City of Mercy, where Blessed Michael Sopocko lived and died. Fr. George was blessed to have met Blessed Fr. Sopocko and be a witness of this holy Man.

Fr. George J. Bobowski provides formation for the "Faustinum" Apostolate. "Faustinum", The Apostolic Movement of the Divine Mercy, sprung from the charisma and mystical experience of Saint Faustina. Fr. George J. Bobowski is also a Missionary of the Divine Mercy, who conducts Retreats and Conferences to spread the Divine Mercy devotion. He visited almost every corner of the world with the message of Saint Faustina. He preached in almost every country in Europe, South and North America and the Philippines. Fr. George J. Bobowski is from Pope John Paul II's native land of Poland.

Main Celebrants



Bishop Edward Wm. Clark, D.D. V.G.

Bishop Edward Wm. Clark was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota and raised in Minnesota, Idaho and California (Orange County). He attended local schools in Los Angeles and graduated from St. John's Seminary College in 1968. Ordained a priest in 1972, he has been serving the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for over 42 years. Bishop Clark attended the Gregorian University in Rome. He received a Licentiate Degree in Fundamental Theology in 1986 and a Doctoral Degree in Theology in 1988. From 1988 until 1990 he served as the Coordinator of Religious Formation

and Instruction for the Catholic High Schools within the Archdiocese. Beginning in 1990 he was assigned to Saint John's Major Seminary as an Assistant Professor of Theology and became a full time Professor in 1999. .

Appointed as Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles in January 2001, Bishop Clark was ordained by Cardinal Roger Mahony to the Episcopacy in March 2001 and assigned to Our Lady of the Angels Pastoral Region, where he currently serves. He is the author of the book "Five Great Catholic Ideas" and a number of articles published in magazines and professional journals. He is a member of the Catholic Theological Society of America, the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Order of Malta. Currently he chairs the Education and Editorial Committees of the California Conference of Catholic Bishops and the California Catholic Conference and is a member of the California Bishops' Task Force on Health Care.



Bishop Alexander Salazar, D.D., V.G.

Bishop Alexander Salazar was born in San Jose, Costa Rica. He attended St. Thomas the Apostle School, Daniel Murphy High School, East Los Angeles College, California State University Los Angeles, Immaculate Heart College, and St. John's Seminary. Cardinal Timothy Manning ordained him a priest in 1984. He served as associate pastor at St. Gregory the Great, Whittier; Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pasadena; and the Cathedral of St. Vibiana. He was appointed administrator, and served as pastor for ten years at St. Teresa of Avila, Silver Lake. He was elected Dean of Deanery 14. He has served on the Council of

Priests, College of Consultors, Clergy Pension Board, and Archdiocesan Personnel Board. In 2003, he was appointed Vice Chancellor and served on the Archdiocesan Leadership Team. Cardinal Roger Mahony ordained him bishop on November 4, 2004 and appointed him Episcopal Vicar of the San Pedro Region. Cardinal Mahony appointed Bishop Salazar to head the Ethnic Ministries and Office of Justice and Peace of the Archdiocese.