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Jubilee of Mercy

Merciful like the Father

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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.



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.



Robert Martinez

Director of RCIA and Bible Discussion Group coordinator at Our Mother of Good Counsel Church, Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Retreat Director and regular parish speaker on the subjects of Divine Mercy and Evangelization. Robert was involved in the Youth Ministry and Confirmation Program for many years at Christ the King Parish. Doctoral candidate in Higher and Postsecondary Education.



Reverend Father Joseph Fox, O.P

Fr. Joseph Fox, a member of the Order of Preachers in vows since 1969, was ordained a priest in 1974. He has a licentiate degree in theology from the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception, a licentiate degree in canon law from the Catholic University of America, and a doctorate in canon law from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (the Angelicum) in Rome.

Fr. Fox served in a variety of positions during his 22 years in Rome including that of staff official of the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts, bureau chief of the personnel office of the Holy See, teaching in the faculties of theology and canon law at the Angelicum, economic administrator of the Convitto San Tommaso and of the Dominican priory at the Angelicum, and as the director of pastoral formation at the Pontifical North American College. Since September 2003, he has served as theologian and canonical consultant to Adam Cardinal Maida in Detroit, while teaching on the faculty at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, and as his delegate for special services at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, DC. In 2007 he was made the Vice President for Advancement at the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception and in 2008 he was elected Prior of St. Dominic's priory in Washington.



Father Don Woznicki

Fr. Don Woznicki, is a South Bend, Indiana native. Before his calling and ordination to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Chicago (Mundelein Seminary - 2002, M. Div. & S.T.B.), he attained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering from Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. (1984).

Fr. Don also pursued his interest to investigate how the Church was reaching out to the people of the entertainment industry ("Hollywood"). In 1998, the summer before beginning his seminary studies, he temporarily went to Los Angeles to work in various aspects of the industry to gain a better understanding and appreciation for the industry and the people who work in it.

Fr. Don has since worked to improve relations between the Church and Entertainment Industry so that the global community can experience the great benefits that such a relationship can bring. In 2005, Fr. Don founded the non-profit organization, New Ethos, as a way for the Church and the Entertainment Industry to collaborate for the good of society. He currently resides in Los Angeles, California to develop New Ethos (Hollywood, CA.) as a vehicle for a "new ethos" in entertainment.

From July 01, 2016 Fr. Don Woznicki is the Administrator of Christ the King Parish in Hollywood



Father George J. Bobowski

Fr. George was ordained as a priest on May 26, 1979 by Bishop Mikolaj Sasinowski. 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, Confesor 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 Celebrant



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.