

# THE **FUTURE** OF YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

## National Leadership Forum on Ministry with Young Adults

Facilitated by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops  
Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth

**Wednesday to Thursday**  
**November 30 to December 1, 2016**  
**San Jose Convention Center**

*In collaboration with the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry  
at the 2016 biennial National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry*

**WHERE WE'VE BEEN**  
**WHERE WE ARE**  
**WHERE WE'RE GOING**



# 2016 National Leadership Forum Schedule

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm

## Opening General Session

Welcome, Prayer, and Orientation

with **Most Rev. Frank J. Caggiano**  
*Bishop of Bridgeport in Connecticut*

1:45 pm – 3:00 pm

## Part 1: Where We've Been

Reflections on *Sons and Daughters of the Light: A Pastoral Plan for Ministry with Young Adults*

with **Delis Alejandro, Fr. Edward Branch, Fr. John Cusick, and Paul Henderson**, and moderated by **Amy McEntee**

**"The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name." (Lk 1:49)**

3:00 pm – 5:30 pm

## Part 2: Where We Are

Reflections and conversations on the present realities of young adult ministry today.

with **Colin Nykaza, Paul Morisi, and Sr. Bernadette Mota, FMA**, and moderated by **Paul Jarzembowski**

**"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." (Lk 1:30)**

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

## Wrap Up and Evening Mass

Final thoughts, announcements, and Mass with **Most Rev. Frank J. Caggiano**, *Bishop of Bridgeport in Connecticut*

**Mass at 6:15 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph of the Diocese of San Jose**

Thursday, December 1, 2016

8:30 am – 8:45 am

## Morning Prayer

8:45 am – 10:45 am

## Part 3: Where We're Going

Reflections and conversation on the future of our ministry with young adults

with **Gabriela Karaszewski, Patrick Rivera, and Diana Hancharenko**, and moderated by **Paul Jarzembowski**

**"I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Lk 1:30)**

11:00 am – 11:45 am

## Final Thoughts & Encouragement

What's next? Where do we go from here? Encouragement and wisdom from Forum presenters and participants.

with **Delis Alejandro, Fr. Edward Branch, Fr. John Cusick, Paul Henderson, and Most Rev. Frank J. Caggiano**, moderated by **Paul Jarzembowski and Forum Team**

11:45 am – 12:00 pm

## Sending Forth and Closing Prayer

**"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! plans to give you a future full of hope. When you call me, when you go pray to me, I will listen to you." (Jer 29:11-12)**

# Forum Presenters and Facilitators



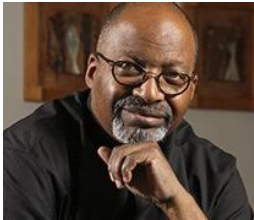
## **Most Rev. Frank J. Caggiano**

Bishop Frank J. Caggiano has served as bishop of Bridgeport since 2013 and auxiliary bishop for his native Brooklyn from 2006 to 2013. He is the USCCB Episcopal Liaison to World Youth Day, a member of the Committees on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth and on Evangelization and Catechesis, and chair of the Subcommittee on the Catechism. He has been a catechist bishop at the international World Youth Days in Sydney (2008), Madrid (2011), Rio (2013), and Kraków (2016).



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Delis Alejandro is the Pastoral Associate at St. Monica Catholic Church in Santa Monica, California, where she has served since 1987, in particular as the leader of the community's young adult ministry efforts. She served as a consultant to the USCCB drafting team for *Sons and Daughters of the Light* (1996).



## **Msgr. Edward Branch**

Msgr. Edward Branch is a priest of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, where he had served as Catholic chaplain at the Atlanta University Center, the campus of four historically black colleges and universities, from 1990 to 2015. He served as a consultant to the USCCB drafting team for *Sons and Daughters of the Light* (1996).



## **Fr. John C. Cusick**

Fr. John Cusick is a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, where he had served as Director of Young Adult Ministry from 1977 to 2014. With his longtime colleague, Dr. Katherine DeVries, he co-wrote *The Basic Guide to Young Adult Ministry* (Orbis, 2001). He served as a consultant to the USCCB drafting team for *Sons and Daughters of the Light* (1996).



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