The Seventeenth Quinquennial Congress

The Rev. Eric H. F. Law will be the major and keynote speaker at the Quinquennial Congress in Steubenville, Ohio in 2007. Fr. Law is currently the Missioner for Congregation Development of the Diocese of Los Angeles. For the last 12 years, he has been a consultant and trainer, in multi-cultural ministry, for building inclusive community and helping churches from all the major denominations to address, constructively, the challenges of racism and cultural diversity. Early in his ministry, he served as the seminarian-in-charge of the Boston Chinese Ministry (1983-1984), and the Campus Minister at the University of Southern California (1984-1991), where he developed many innovative ministry models for reaching out to young adults and multicultural ministry development.

His Ministry Goal is to create and facilitate gracious and spirit-filled environments in which the people of God are empowered to respect the dignity of every human being and seek and serve Christ in each other, while being fully aware of the differences in culture, race, gender, orientation, age, ability, community and theology that exist among us.

Fr. Law received his Bachelor of Science from Cornell University and Master of Divinity from the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass. He was ordained deacon in the Diocese of Central New York (1984), priest in the Diocese of Los Angeles (1985). He is a photographer, a playwright and a composer of church music.

Fr. Law is the author of five books: The Wolf Shall Dwell With The Lamb – a Spirituality for Leadership in a Multi-Cultural Community (also published in Spanish); The Bush Was Burning But Not Consumed—Developing a Multicultural Community Through Dialogue and Liturgy; INCLUSION: Making Room for Grace; Sacred Acts, Holy Change—Faithful Diversity and Practical Transformation; The Word at the Crossings – Living the Good News in a Multicultural World; The Gift of Diversity – part II of the Anti-racism Study/Action Guide published by the General Commission on Religion and Race and the General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church. Besides his teaching ministry, Fr. Law has participated in many long term multicultural projects, has spent time working with the clergy, has given workshops across the US on Lay Ministry Training. He is the Founder of the National Asian American Youth and Young Adult Ministry Training Program. One of the goals of the project was to raise up the next generation of Asian Episcopal Church leaders – both lay and ordained.

His consulting work has taken him to share his expertise in congregation development and multicultural ministry with the Roman Catholic Church, Presbyterian Church, United Methodist Church, Lutheran Church and United Church of Christ locally, nationally and internationally. He is equally comfortable in an interfaith environment, having been the consultant for the Inter-religious Council of Southern California in bringing people from nine religions to participate in a two-year interracial dialogue program after the 1992 Los Angeles riots.
Quinquennial Congress Workshop Presenters

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The presenters and their workshops are: Patti Normile, SFO—“Caregiving for the Elderly;”  Ed Shirley, SFO—“Spirituality in Today’s Secular World;”  Ron Pihokker, SFO—“Secular Franciscans and the Catechetical Ministry: Building the Kingdom More Effectively;”  Javier Orozco, SFO—“Francis, Divine Providence and our Secular Life.”

Masses:

There will be daily Mass with multicultural influences in different languages. The presiders are Bishop Daniel Conlon, DD (Steubenville)—English Mass;  Fr. Peter Vettickanakudy, OFM Cap—Syro Malabar Rite Mass;  Fr. Francis Kim, OFM—Korean Mass;  Bishop John Kudrick, DD (Parma)—Eastern Churches Rite Mass;  and Fr. Moises Villalta, OFM Cap.—Spanish Mass.

Prayer & Fun:

There will be prayer time and fun time. Fun time includes a Fourth of July picnic, cookout, sing along, and fireworks, two Festivals of Cultures with food, beverages, music and dancing.

Attention Readers:

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