

## Congress 2015 Keynote presenters



**Daniel G. Groody** is a Catholic priest, a Holy Cross religious, a scholar, teacher, and an award winning author and film producer. He is currently an Associate Professor of Theology and the Director of Immigration Initiatives at the Institute for Latino Studies at the University

of Notre Dame. Drawing on years of work in Latin America, particularly along the U.S.- Mexico border, he has authored various books and articles which have been translated into five languages, including *Border of Death, Valley of Life: An Immigrant Journey of Heart and Spirit*, and *Globalization, Spirituality, and Justice: Navigating the Path to Peace* (2007). He is also the editor of various books including, *The Option for the Poor Beyond Theology: An Interdisciplinary Reader* (2013), and co-editor of *A Promised Land, A Perilous Journey: Theological Perspectives on Migration* (2007). He has worked with the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the World Council of Churches, and the Vatican on issues of theology, globalization, and migration.

Fr. Groody holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Notre Dame in the Great Books Program, a Master of Divinity and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Jesuit School of Theology, and a doctorate in theology from the Graduate Theological Union. In 2007-2008 he was a visiting research fellow at Oxford University at the Oxford Refugee Centre. He is also the executive producer of various films and documentaries, including *One Border, One Body: Immigration and the Eucharist*, and *Dying to Live: A Migrant's Journey*, which have received international acclaim and aired on various television stations including PBS. He teaches courses on U.S. Latino Spirituality, Globalization, Christian

Spirituality and Social Justice, and lectures widely in the United States as well as in Latin America, Europe, and Asia.

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**Janet Mock, CSJ**, is a Sister of St. Joseph of Baden, PA, near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Her formal education includes study in music education at Carlow University, in Pittsburgh and formative spirituality and theology at St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO.

Janet began her ministry as a Sister of St. Joseph as an elementary and junior high school teacher, was a formation director in her Congregation for ten years and served in Congregational leadership for her community for ten years. Following this ministry, Janet worked in urban ministry in association with Carlow Hill College in Pittsburgh and served as director of the Ecumenical Institute on Racism, a collaborative effort of Carlow University and Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania.

In recent years, Janet has served as executive director of the Religious Formation Conference, the director of the Institute for Leadership and Mission at Washington Theological Union and the executive director of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious.

Janet considers herself a lifetime learner, one who believes strongly in the future of religious life and sees this era as a privileged time of discerning and living into the future.