

# Theme Song

We are **Marching** in the Light of God (x 4)  
We are marching, Oo, Oo,  
We are marching in the Light of God (x2)  
We are **praying** ...  
We are **talking** ....  
We are **singing**...  
We are **dancing**...

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# Conference Schedule

- 8:30am Registration / Hospitality
- 9:05 Welcome & Gathering Songs
- 9:30 Keynote Speakers
- 10:40 Break and Q&A Question Submission
- 10:55 Speakers' Dialogue & Questions
- 11:35 Lunch
- 12:30pm Dialogue Groups
- 1:35 Closing Reflection
- 1:45 Thank You's & Sending Forth Song



**SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR  
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2027**

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# Welcome to



South Bay  
Catholic-Jewish  
Women's Dialogue

*Providing a supportive venue in which to dialogue, promote friendships, and develop understanding and mutual respect of each other's faith tradition and beliefs.*

**Tuesday, May 5, 2026**

**8:30am—2:00pm**

**At American Martyrs  
Manhattan Beach, CA**

**THIS YEAR'S THEME**

**OOPS! I DID IT AGAIN:**

**FINDING FORGIVENESS**

# Vision

In 1977, the Catholic-Jewish Women's Conference (CJWC) was founded to promote fellowship and mutual understanding between our two vital traditions, and for forty years their annual conference has drawn women from across the greater Los Angeles region into deeper dialogue and friendship. Catholic and Jewish women friends from the South Bay have attended these conferences, and in 2016, we were inspired to begin a forum of our own -- we decided that a similar gathering was needed in the South Bay where Catholic and Jewish women could meet, hear stimulating speakers from both faith traditions on relevant topics, exchange ideas, learn about our faith traditions, and, best of all, kindle new friendships.



## Speaker

Sr. Nancy Usselmann

Sr Nancy Usselmann, FSP is the Director of Pauline Media Studies, a ministry of the Daughters of St Paul that promotes media mindfulness catechesis for lived discipleship. She is a Media

Literacy Educator, theologian, writer, international speaker, and film/TV reviewer. Sr Nancy is the author of [Media Fasting: Six Weeks to Recharge in Christ](#) (Pauline Books & Media) and [A Sacred Look: Becoming Cultural Mystics](#) (Wipf & Stock), a theology of popular culture.

She holds a Doctorate in Ministry from The Catholic University of America, as well as an MA in Theology and certificates in Catechetics and Media Literacy Education. Sr Nancy gives presentations and retreats to young adults, teachers, catechists, ministers and seminarians, teaching them how to live well with their media and on how faith supports good storytelling through a developed sacramental imagination.

When not sharing life with her Sisters in community, she can be found interviewing at red carpet premieres or appearing on film panels around Hollywood.



## Speaker

Rabbi Julia Knobloch

Rabbi Julia Knobloch is the spiritual leader of Temple Beth El in San Pedro. She is also a published poet, writer, and National Geographic filmmaker.

Born and raised in Germany, Rabbi Knobloch was ordained at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles. During her rabbinical training, Rabbi Knobloch served as a student rabbi at Beth Knesset Bamidbar in Lancaster, and held internships at Temple Beth Hillel in Valley Village, Temple Beth Am in Los Angeles, and with the congregation on Kibbutz Ketura in Israel. She previously served in managerial and program executive roles at the Union for Reform Judaism and UJA-Federation of New York.

In addition to her work as a spiritual leader, Rabbi Knobloch is a former staff member of the Explorers Club in New York City and author of two published poetry collections, *Do Not Return*, and *Book of Failed Salvation*, as well as a third book, *Liner Notes*, slated for release in 2026. She has led creative writing retreats in Jerusalem, New York and Los Angeles, helping participants explore the sacred through language and story. Her poetry has appeared in various literary journals, and she previously served as poetry editor for Ben Yehuda Press.

She has a unique blend of artistic talent, Jewish scholarship and spiritual leadership. She seeks to shape the community's journey through words, ritual, and relationship, drawing on her experience as a poet, filmmaker, and spiritual leader who believes in the power of storytelling to connect, heal, and inspire."