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ON CREATION, CREATURES, AND THEIR CREATOR

June 6 - 8, 2024 | Saint Paul, Minnesota

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That I may ardently desire,
Prudently examine,
Truthfully acknowledge,
And perfectly accomplish
Whatever is pleasing to Thee
For the praise and glory of Thy Name.
Amen.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, June 6th

Optional Memorial of St. Norbert, Bishop

12:30 - 7:00 PM Conference Check-In (Lobby, The Saint Paul Seminary)

2:00 - 3:30 PM Concurrent Session #1

Central Conference Room (The Saint Paul Seminary)

SPS Lay Graduate Programs Sponsored Session I

Moderator: William Stevenson, The Saint Paul Seminary

- Madeline Larson, MAPL Student
The Saint Paul Seminary, University of St. Thomas (MN)
“The Rosary, Pope Leo XIII, and Pope St. Gregory the Great”
- Christian Beamer, MAT Student
The Saint Paul Seminary, University of St. Thomas (MN)
“A Metaphysical Understanding of the Eucharist”
- Jacob Hornecker, MAT Student
The Saint Paul Seminary, University of St. Thomas (MN)
“Establishing Common Ground on Biblical Inerrancy:
Delineating Where the Bounds of Magisterial Teaching
Are and Identifying Future Areas of Clarification”

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Performance Hall (Schoenecker Center)

Catholic Studies MA Degree Program Sponsored Session

Moderator: Msgr. Martin Schlag, University of St. Thomas

- Shane Dowell, CSMA Student
University of St. Thomas (MN)
“Modernity in the Middle Ages: Discovering Modern Theories of Cognition in the 13th and 14th Centuries”
- Elizabeth Bina, CSMA Student
University of St. Thomas (MN)
“Becoming Who God Created Us To Be: Dante’s *Divine Comedy* as a School of Encounter”
- Megan C. Scott, CSMA Student
University of St. Thomas (MN)
“‘Love sees what is invisible’: Co-Creative Attention and the Beholding of the Sufferer in Simone Weil’s *Waiting for God* and *Gravity and Grace*, and Chrétien’s *Perceval*”

BEC 101 (Brady Educational Center)

Creation Ex Nihilo

Moderator: Timothy J. Streiff, Catholic Rural Life

- Elizabeth Froula, Pontifex University
“Creation *Ex Nihilo* as the Key to Understanding God’s Ability to Bring Good Out of Evil”
- Samuel Korb, University of Notre Dame
“Logic and Creation: The Principle of Non-Contradiction in Erich Przywara’s *Analogia Entis*”
- Jonam Wang, Saint Louis University
“The Redemption of Creation: The Perils of Jürgen Moltmann’s Panentheism and the Promise of *creatio ex nihilo*”

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4:00 - 5:30 PM

Concurrent Session #2

Central Conference Room (The Saint Paul Seminary)

SPS Lay Graduate Programs Sponsored Session II

Moderator: Alexander Erickson, Ave Maria University

- Sr. Dominica Hooper, O.P., MAT Student
The Saint Paul Seminary, University of St. Thomas (MN)
“What’s the *Confusione? Discrezione* and the Theological Virtues as Antidote to Modern Hopelessness in St. Catherine of Siena’s Account of Self-Knowledge in God”
- Emily Dalsky, MAT Student
The Saint Paul Seminary, University of St. Thomas (MN)
“A Matter of Will: St. Augustine’s Two Cities Distinguished by Choice”
- Taylor Croissant, MAT Student
The Saint Paul Seminary, University of St. Thomas (MN)
“Divine Providence, Emergence, and the Central Dogma of Molecular Biology”

John Ireland Room (Archbishop Ireland Memorial Library)

St. John Henry Newman Association of America Sponsored Session

Moderator: Christopher Owens, Veterum Sapientia Institute

- Ronald Snyder, St. John Henry Newman Association
“‘Myself and My Creator’: Understanding Creation as it Relates to Conscience”
- Sr. Kathleen Dietz, F.S.O., Diocese of Erie
“Newman on Creatures and Animals”
- Fr. Richard Smith, Archdiocese of New York
“‘To consider the world in its length and breadth’: Newman on the Goodness, Sacramentality, and Fallenness of Creation”

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BEC 101 (Brady Educational Center)

God the Creator

Moderator: John O'Neill, Holy Apostles College & Seminary

- Urban Hannon, Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
“*Deus Beatus: Our Happy Creator*”
- Eric Manchester, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
“Understanding the ‘Fittingness’ of Free Creation
through God’s Willing of His Own Undefinable Being”
- Alexandria Fountain, Independent Scholar
“The Impassible and Yet Loving Creator”

BEC 105 (Brady Educational Center)

Creation, Anthropology, and Ecology

Moderator: Elliot Polsky, St. John Vianney Seminary (CO)

- Benjamin Heidgerken, University of St. Thomas (MN)
“A Microcosmic Paradigm: Conceptualizing Humanity’s
Unity with the World”
- Carlos Casanova, Hamilton Center, University of Florida
“Human Dignity: The Roots & Importance of the
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- Matthew J. Ramage, Benedictine College
“The Catholic Tradition on the Book of Creation: A Voice
in the Wilderness of Contemporary Environmentalism”

5:45 PM

Holy Mass (St. Mary’s Chapel, The Saint Paul Seminary)

- *Principal Celebrant: Fr. Evan Koop*

6:15 - 7:00 PM

Dinner Available (Lobby, The Saint Paul Seminary)

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The Saint Paul Seminary, University of St. Thomas
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9:00 - 10:30 AM Concurrent Session #3

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Moderator: Urban Hannon, Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter

- Fr. Cajetan Cuddy, O.P., Dominican House of Studies
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- Matthew K. Miner
Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Ss. Cyril and Methodius
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- John Macias, St. Mary’s Seminary and University
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- Fr. John Wilson
Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas
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Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Marriage & Family
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- Richard Nicholas, University of St. Francis
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Sacred Heart Seminary & School of Theology

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- Jason Eslicker, Duke University “Christ
plays in ten thousand places’: Christ and Creation in
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- Cristina A. van Werkhoven, Duke Divinity School
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BEC 101 (Brady Educational Center)

Created Universals

Moderator: Andrew Grimes, The Saint Paul Seminary /
University of St. Thomas (TX)

- David Haines, Bethlehem College and Seminary
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- Christopher M. Reilly, Pontifex University
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BEC LLo3 (Brady Educational Center)

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Moderator: Daniel M. Garland, Jr.

Ohio Dominican University

- Derek McAllister, St. Mary's Seminary and University
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Sacred Heart Seminary & School of Theology
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Moderator: Matthew Kuhner

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- Fr. Kevin Zilverberg
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- Kathleen M. Kirsch, University of Mary
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Moderator: Matthew Dugandzic

St. Mary's Seminary and University

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BEC 101 (Brady Educational Center)

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Moderator: Edward Ulrich, University of St. Thomas (MN)

- Jason Reed, Divine Word College
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- Alexander Erickson, Ave Maria University
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- Daniel M. Garland, Jr., Ohio Dominican University
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Moderator: Henry Wickus, Pontifical John Paul II Institute

- John O’Neill, Holy Apostles College and Seminary
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- Fr. Evan Koop
The Saint Paul Seminary, University of St. Thomas (MN)
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Moderator: Christopher M. Reilly, Pontifex University

- Paul S. Juliennie
Joint Quantum Institute, University of Maryland
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- Brett T. Feger, Ave Maria University
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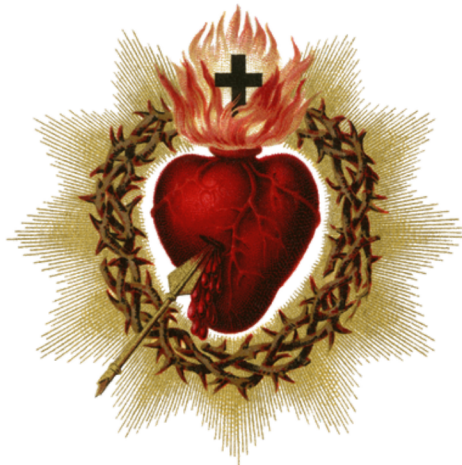
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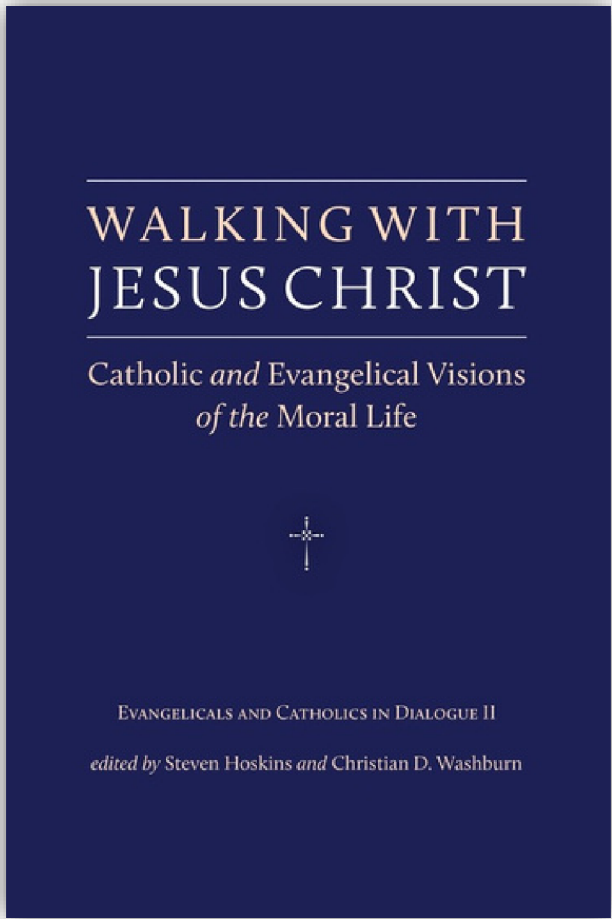
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Moderator: Taylor Patrick O'Neill
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- Fr. Dylan Schrader, Diocese of Jefferson City (MO)
“The End of the World as We Know It: Thinking about Glory”
- John G. Brungardt, Newman University
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8:45 PM *Night Prayer (St. Mary's Chapel, Seminary)*

9:00 - 10:00 PM Cocktails (St. Olaf Room, The Saint Paul Seminary)



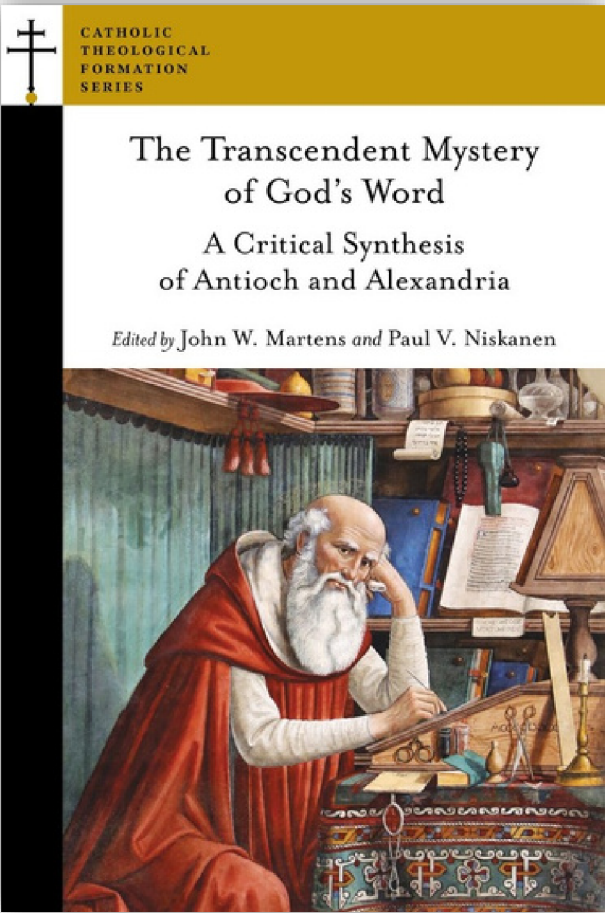
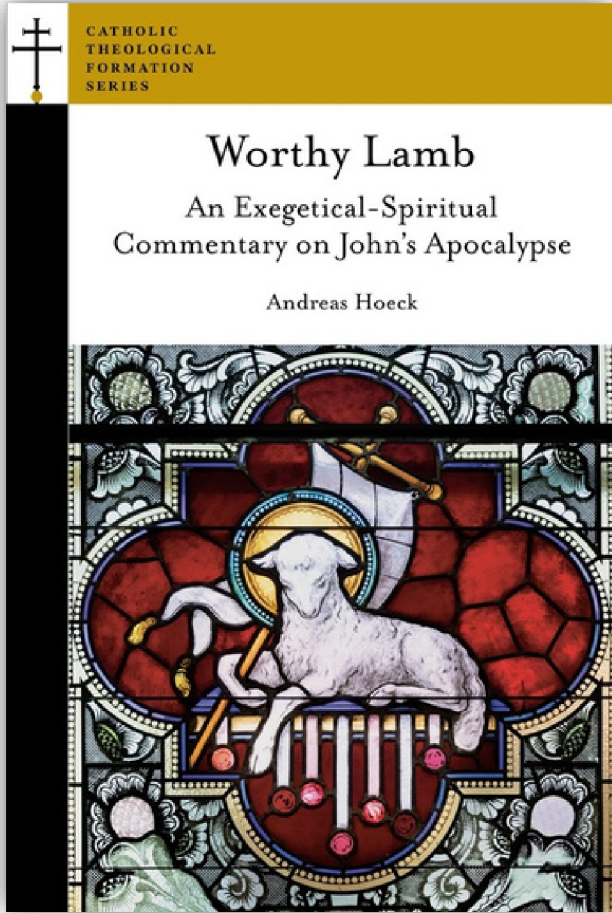


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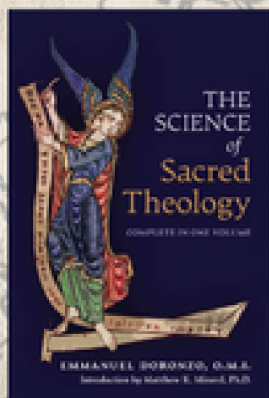
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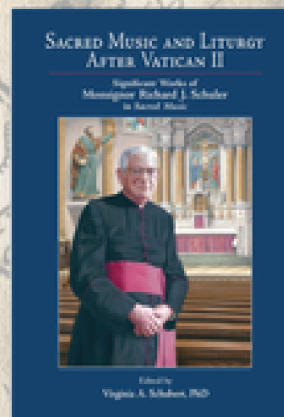
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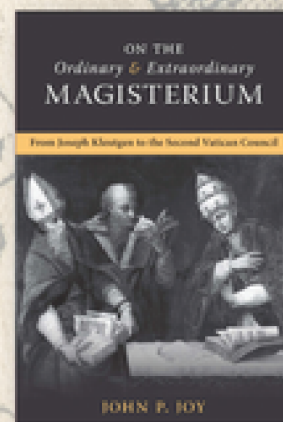


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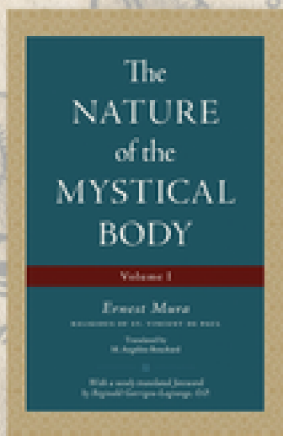


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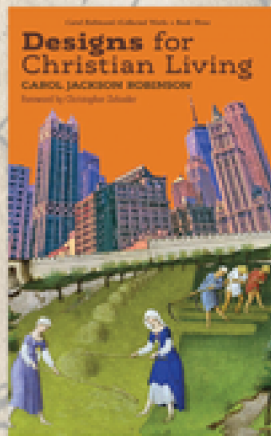
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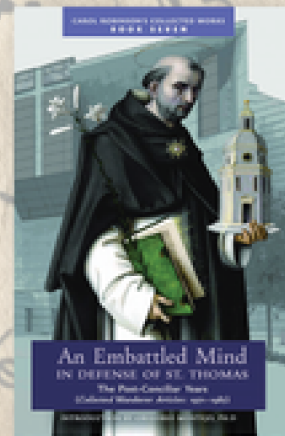
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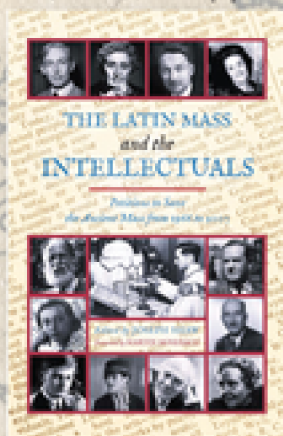
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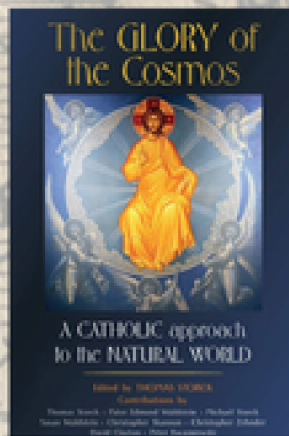
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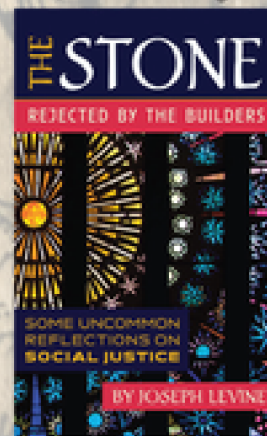
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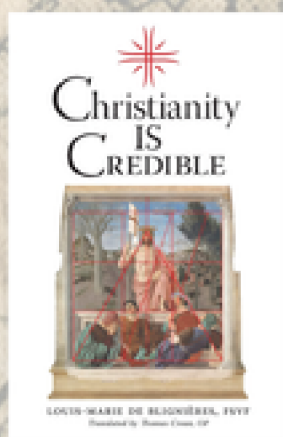
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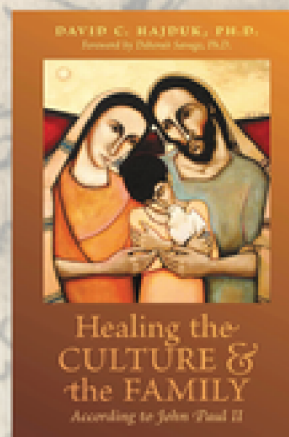
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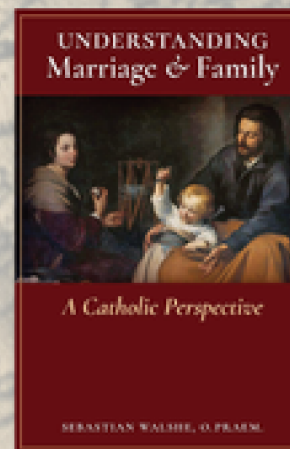
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Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00 AM *Holy Mass (St. Mary's Chapel, Seminary)*
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- 8:30 - 9:30 AM Breakfast Available (Abp. Ireland Memorial Library)
- 8:30 AM Members-Only Business Meeting - Breakfast Provided
 (Central Conference Room, The Saint Paul Seminary)
- 9:30 - 10:30 AM Concurrent Session #7
- Room 101D
Natural Theology II
Moderator: John Macias, St. Mary's Seminary and University
- Pablo Maillet, Universidad Gabriela Mistral
 "The Divine Poem: Analogy and Ecology; Identity
 between the Creator and His Work"
 - Joshua O. Lehman
 United States Military Academy at West Point
 "Down to Earth Contemplation: Josef Pieper and
 Confrontation with Creation"
- BEC 105 (Brady Educational Center)
Angelology
Moderator: Brett T. Feger, Ave Maria University
- Patrick M. Clark, University of Scranton
 "Ethics in the Company of Angels: Retrieving Aquinas'
 Account of Angelic Auxilium"
 - Timothy Kearns, Legion of Christ College of Humanities
 "The Developing Order of the Created World: Can It Be
 Affected by Fallen Angels in Any Way?"

Saturday, June 8th (cont.)

BEC LLo3 (Brady Educational Center)

Trinity and Creation II

Moderator: Patrick M. Craine, Dominican University College

- Fr. Christian J. Ivandic, L.C., University of Notre Dame
“Hans Urs von Balthasar on the Trinitarian Character of Creation”
- Sean Luke, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
“Triune Love as the Form of Created Beauty”

BEC LLo7 (Brady Educational Center)

Ecumenical Dialogues on Anthropology

Moderator: Fr. John Wilson, Angelicum

- Michael Greve, Saint Louis University
“‘Deeper Protestant Conception’ or Ecumenical Eden? A Dialogue Between Geerhardus Vos and Robert Bellarmine on Adam”
- Anthony J. Scordino, University of Notre Dame
“A Fall without a Leap? Kierkegaard, the Council of Trent, and St. Augustine on Original Sin”

11:00 AM -
12:30 PM

Evolution Plenary Panel

BEC 120: Baumgaertner Auditorium (Brady Educ. Center)

Anthropogenesis: Synthesizing Evolution & Catholic Doctrine

Moderator/Organizer: John Brungardt, Newman University

- Kenneth W. Kemp
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- Fr. Mariusz Tabaczek, O.P.
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Saturday, June 8th (cont.)

12:30 - 2:00 PM Box Lunches Available (Lobby, Brady Educational Ctr.)
Complimentary Espresso Drinks Available (St. Olaf Room)

2:00 - 3:30 PM Concurrent Session #8

BEC 101 (Brady Educational Center)

Divine Causality I

Moderator: Matthew K. Miner, Byzantine Catholic
Seminary of SS. Cyril and Methodius

- Miriam Pritschet, The Catholic University of America
“Necessity and Contingency in First and Second
Causes: Aquinas on the Transcendence and Immanence
of God as Giver of *Esse*”
- Elliot Polsky, St. John Vianney Theological Seminary
“Does God Only Efficiently Cause through the Medium
of a Formal Cause?”
- Gloria Frost, University of St. Thomas (MN)
“Primary and Secondary Causation and the Act of Sin:
Does Privation Theory Save God from Causing Evil?”

BEC 105 (Brady Educational Center)

Creation and Sexuality

Moderator: Daniel Drain

St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry

- Fr. Brian John Zuelke, O.P.
The Catholic University of America
“God, Creation, and Monstrosity in St. Thomas
Aquinas”
- Timothy J. Streiff, Catholic Rural Life
“The Contraceptive Mentality and the Ecological
Crisis”
- Sara Hulse Kirby, DeSales University
“The Gender Crisis and the Eclipse of the Doctrine of
Creation” (*read in absentia*)

Saturday, June 8th (cont.)

BEC LLo3 (Brady Educational Center)

Creation: Analogue for the Supernatural

Moderator: Matthew T. Vander Venet, Donnelly College

- Matthew Pietropaoli
St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry
"Creation as Analogy and Propaedeutic for Revelation"
- Gideon Lazar
Sts. Cyril & Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary
"Creation, Temple, and the *totus Christus*: A Thomistic Analysis of Creation as Temple"
- Daniel P. Toma, Minnesota State University - Mankato
"The Liturgical Universe: Deification, Hierarchy, and Science"

BEC LLo7 (Brady Educational Center)

Ecclesiology

Moderator: John Froula, The Saint Paul Seminary

- Marina Brungardt, Newman University
"The Social Reality of the Church in the Primacy of Her Common Good"
- Alicia Miller
The Saint Paul Seminary, University of St. Thomas (MN)
"Creation as an Image of the Church"
- Aaron P. Debusschere, Saint Paul University
"Mediatrice of All Graces: Mary's Mediation in Light of Ecclesiology"

Saturday, June 8th (cont.)

4:00 - 5:30 PM

Concurrent Session #9

BEC 101 (Brady Educational Center)

Divine Causality II

Moderator: Austin Litke, O.P., University of St. Thomas

- Henry Wickus, Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family
“Do Creatures Need God’s Causality in Order to Act? Examining Concurrence in Light of Peter John Olivi”
- Nicholas Robert Schafffield
The Catholic University of America
“Against Physical Premotion: A Re-Examination of Suárez’s Ontology of Divine Concurrence”
- Matthew Kuhner
St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry
“The Strength and the Sweetness of Omnipotence: On the Movement of the Rational Will”

BEC 105 (Brady Educational Center)

Creation in St. Augustine

Moderator: David Francis Sherwood, Ave Maria University

- Robert N. Parks, Ohio Dominican University
“Soul and Body at Home with the Creator: Augustine’s *De Quantitate Animae* as *Contra Manichaeorum*”
- Shane Owens, Franciscan University of Steubenville
“‘Thou Provest Hearts’: Augustine and the Days of Creation as Itinerary of Conversion”
- Peter S. Binder, University of St. Mary of the Lake
“Angelic Cogitations and the Literal Sense: The Reception of Augustine’s *De Genesi ad litteram* in Second Scholasticism”

Saturday, June 8th (cont.)

BEC LLo3 (Brady Educational Center)

Ratzinger in Dialogue on Creation

Moderator: Kevin Vaughan, College of St. Scholastica

- Fr. Sameer V. Advani, L.C.
Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum
“Joseph Ratzinger on the Human Person’s Created Reality as Receiver”
- Emma Miller, University of Notre Dame
“Prelapsarian Humanity and René Girard’s Account of Hominization”
- Daniel A. Drain
St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry
“‘What is this that you have done?’ (Gen 3:13): Ratzinger, Balthasar, and von Speyr on Sin as a Denial of Creatureliness”

BEC LLo7 (Brady Educational Center)

Obediential Potency

Moderator: Cajetan Cuddy, Dominican House of Studies

- Christopher Owens, Veterum Sapientia Institute / Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas
“Predestined in Nature: Obediential Potency, the Incarnation, and Predestination”
- Derek Bruns, Southern Methodist University
“On Barth’s (Mis)Understanding of the *Potentia Oboedientialis*”
- John Froula
The Saint Paul Seminary, University of St. Thomas (MN)
“Capacity for Beatific Vision as Constitutive of Supernatural Creation”

Saturday, June 8th (cont.)

- 5:45 PM *Travelers' Mass - Vigil of the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
(*St. Mary's Chapel, The Saint Paul Seminary*)
- *Principal Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Zilverberg*
- Confessions Available*
- 7:00 - 8:30 PM Conference Banquet (Binz Refectory)
- 7:30 PM Keynote Address (Binz Refectory)
- William E. Carroll
Zhongnan University of Economics and Law /
Wuhan University / Collegium of Anton Neuwirth
"Metaphysics and Creation: The Grammar of Faith
and Reason in Thomas Aquinas"
- 8:30 PM Closing Remarks, Announcement of 2025 Conference

Sunday, June 9th

10th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- 9:00 AM *Sunday Mass - 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
(*St. Mary's Chapel, The Saint Paul Seminary*)
- *Principal Celebrant: Msgr. Martin Schlag*
- 9:00 - 10:30 AM Breakfast Available (St. Olaf Room)

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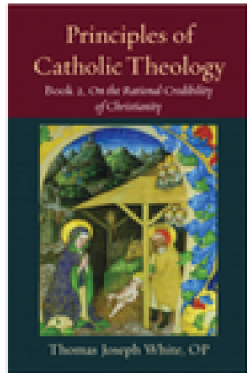
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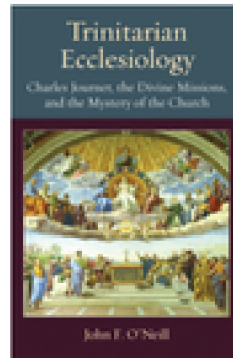
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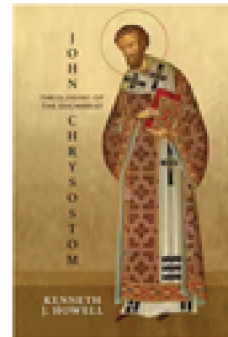
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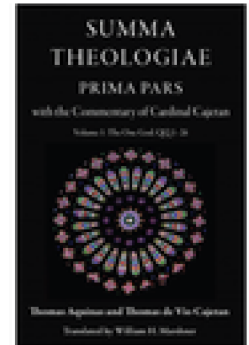
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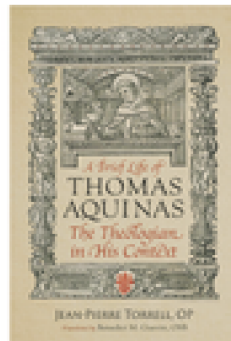
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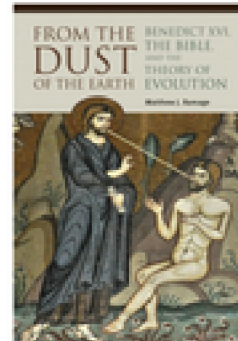
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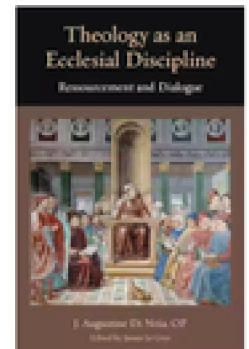
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Thompson has lectured extensively on the topics of fundamental moral theology, Catholic rural life, integral ecology, and Green Thomism. He is the author of *The Joyful Mystery: Field Notes Toward a Green Thomism* and *Christian Doctrine, Christian Identity: Augustine and the Narratives of Character*. His essays have appeared in journals such as *Catholic Social Science Review*, *Logos*, *Nova et Vetera*, *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association*, and *The Thomist*. He is also the co-editor with Steven A. Long of *Reason and the Rule of Faith: Conversations in the Tradition with John Paul II*. Thompson has served on the board of directors for National Catholic Rural Life, was a former co-director of the Murphy Institute, and was former director of the Center for Theological Formation.

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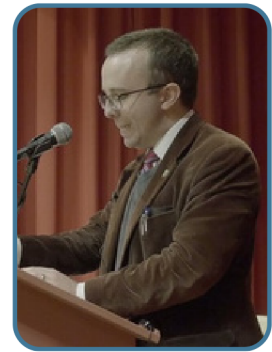
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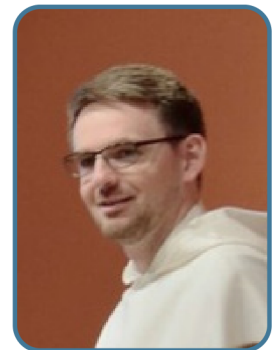
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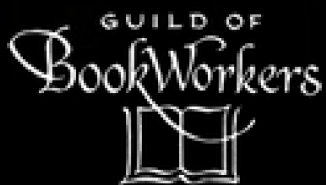
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