

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

The Hank Center

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From the Director

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

When Eleanor Roosevelt was tasked by President Harry Truman in 1945 to create the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) as a response to the genocidal madness of the 1930s and 1940s, she knew she needed a sturdy, time-tested philosophy to undergird the bold document. As a good

American and a good humanitarian, Mrs. Roosevelt knew that the declaration must articulate the centrality of freedom and liberty; and she had the founding documents of the United States—our precious Constitution chief among them—to lean on. But her team also knew that a bird doesn't fly on one wing. They knew that freedom is inextricably bound to human dignity—an inalienable divine endowment that precedes freedom in the philosophical order of things. Dignity is something that no person (or government) can give to a person; and, likewise, it is something that no person (or government) can take away.

But how to speak about the transcendent nature of such a radiant phenomenon in a secular way?

Mrs. Roosevelt's found her team ill-equipped to expound on their instinct, but they knew precisely which intellectual culture trafficked with creativity, insight, and authority in such discourses: the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. A fundamental intervention was needed, that of UDHR draft committee member, Jacques Maritain (1882-1973), a Catholic philosopher of the neo-Thomist vein. Maritain was, at the time, a key developer of the personalist movement, a social, philosophical, and theological approach (which, in its span, also included thinkers as disparate as Max Scheler, John MacMurray, and Dorothy Day) that stresses the centrality of the human personality and dignity in all human relationships, not least of which the relationship between [persons and the State](#). The UDHR's cornerstone priority of "dignity"—so often invoked in the document—became its most prominent feature, and the Catholic personalist inflection provided by Maritain helped to make a key opening to its needed integration. The natural rights tradition favored by the more secular members of the team was mitigated by attention to God-given anthropological attributes like dignity and conscience, a classic nature and grace move that subtly and decisively marks the UDHR to this day.

Once upon a time in this country, the attack on dignity that comes with the abridgement of human rights disturbed most Americans and roused the concern of our elected leadership. Sadly, this seems less true today. The pattern and vehicles of human rights enshrined in our Constitution—namely the right to due process and the right to religious liberty—have been, in several recent instances, threatened by the very authorities who have taken oaths to uphold these civil rights. When this happens in our country, as it has several times before, we know, if you will, that something is rotten in the state of Denmark.

It is therefore—and as ever—required of the citizenry to intervene and live their duty as Americans into being. Citizens who take both their country and their faith seriously have always been prepared to act—and to act from a sturdy, self-conscious, and morally rooted political ethics. When, for example, our neighbors are abducted in the dead of night—or, so brazenly, in broad daylight—to be detained in *ad hoc* "centers" and deprived of due process, it is left for Americans jump into action. This is a duty of our shared life as citizens and as humans—and such actions, protected by our laws, are a requirement for upholding the common good that binds us together as a community and as a nation. When, in a similar way, spiritual care and Holy Communion are denied to detained persons (whether they are held justly or unjustly), it is a violation of an equally fundamental right. This kind of abridgement quickly becomes a form of spiritual tyranny, and it will not long be accepted by most Americans.

My preamble here nudges us towards the obvious. On the one hand, it is meant to situate and cast light on an ongoing struggle in Chicagoland. ICE raids, legal battles, and community resistance have turned our home into the frontline of a national crisis. On the other, it is meant to remind readers about the many intellectual resources from our tradition that might help Catholics and persons of good will discern how to act in civic life. Maritain's 1948 exhortation to protect the dignity of all ought to awaken our conscience and return us to the core of the Catholic Jesuit tradition we inhabit.

Our Loyola community, led by our Jesuit brothers and fathers, seek to inhabit and model life in this rich tradition every day. In solidarity with so many partners and friends in Chicago, our Loyola Jesuits, under the leadership of Fr. Dan Hartnett and Fr. David Inczauskis (and our friends [at the CSPL](#), who have been the organizational hub), have attempted several times to bring Holy Communion to detained persons at the Broadview detention center. They have been denied access to the detained persons at every turn. Pope Leo XIV has weighed in on the matter and invites "the authorities to allow pastoral workers to attend to the needs" of migrants detained in Broadview; Bishops from the USCCB, descendants of immigrants all, have also requested that the impediments of primary spiritual care be removed. Journalist Terry Moran, a native of Rogers Park, tells the Broadview story well [in this excellent report](#)—and you can hear insights from Frs. Hartnett and Inczauskis at about the 9:30 mark. One of our undergraduate interns, Matthew Battaglia, has also visited Broadview and you can read his excellent report below.

I also invite you to read about the many things we've been up to in the Hank Center — and to **mark your calendars** for two upcoming events, both of which feature gifted Jesuit scholars and priests. One takes place **tomorrow night** (with Kristin Grady Gilger and Paddy Gilger, S.J.) and the other on November 20 (with Fr. Kevin Burke, S.J.). Great events, both, and excellent ways to celebrate Ignatian Heritage Month.

Loyola University Chicago was founded by immigrants and has been serving immigrants since 1870. Both the Jesuits and the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary have partnered together all of these years to build a university where the education of immigrants—and the protection of their (our) God given dignity—a lasting priority. This is who we are, this is who we serve.

The recognition and protection of dignity in the public square is always in great need of reform and renewal. Perhaps remembering Eleanor Roosevelt, Jacques Maritain, and the needed work of the UDHR will inform our own troubled days and provide wisdom for the future. This is my prayer today; and it is a gift to accompany the Loyola community as we discern on and act toward a hope filled future for all.

Warmest regards,

Dr. Michael P. Murphy

Hank Center Highlights

Fall 2025 Events Calendar

The Hank Center Fall Events 2025 calendar highlights several key events:

- SEPTEMBER**
 - SEP 3, 10, 24**: **Thrive Fall Festival** with **Madala LaFarge** (9:00am-12:00pm)
 - SEP 10, 17, 24**: **Faculty Seminar: All Things Ignatian: Healing the Earth & Healing Society** (8:00am-12:00pm)
 - SEP 17**: **Book Lecture: The Last Supper** by **Paul Stebbins** (7:00pm)
- OCTOBER**
 - OCT 1**: **National Conference on the Catholic Imagination** (9:00am-5:00pm)
 - OCT 1**: **Book Lecture: Mark Mann, 'Catholic Fundamentalism'** (7:00pm)

We hope to see you at our upcoming events!

New Public Voices Interview!
Notes on the Enchantments of AI and Automation: A Conversation with Eugene McCarragher

Join Us for An Upcoming Event!

UPCOMING EVENT!

Book Discussion with Kristin Grady Gilger
My Son, the Priest: A Mother's Crisis of Faith



Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 7 - 8:30 PM
Information Commons 4th Floor, Lakeshore Campus



The true story of a young man's journey to become a Jesuit priest—written by his mother, a fallen-away Catholic who must come to terms with her son's decision or risk losing him. It is an intimate, sometimes irreverent, and often searing examination of faith, family, and reconciliation. The book offers a rare, often entertaining, glimpse into the "highly unusual" Jesuit formation process—which includes sending



Hank Center Director, Dr. Michael Murphy sits down with Eugene McCarraher for a discussion about AI and automation in the present age.

EVENT RECAP
Research Luncheon
for
Ann Solari-Twadell:

***The Long-Term
 Impact of an
 International
 Service Immersion
 for Nursing
 Students Focused
 on Spiritual Care***



A group of Loyola faculty and friends gathered at the Hank Center on Thursday, November 6 to hear a research presentation by Dr. Ann Solari-Twadell (Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing) and her team. For many years, Dr. Solari-Twadell's team has led immersion trips for nursing students to Lourdes. Students assist at the baths during their time at the shrine, practicing the corporal works of mercy, and providing hands-on spiritual care.

would-be priests off on pilgrimages with \$35 in their pockets. It also takes on tough issues, from the church's history of sexual abuse to its treatment of women, and asks tough questions: Is it possible to be Catholic, liberal, and a feminist all at the same time? What does it mean to call yourself a Catholic? We are delighted to welcome both Kristin Grady Gilger and dear friend of the Hank Center, Paddy Gilger, S.J., for this very special conversation.

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 Book**

UPCOMING COMPANION EVENTS!
Denise Levertov Lecture and Retreat
presented by Fr. Kevin Burke, S.J.



LECTURE

"Something More: Denise Levertov and the Poetry of Transformation"

Thursday, November 20, 2025, 7 - 8:30 PM
Information Commons 4th Floor, Lakeshore Campus

The Hank Center is delighted to welcome Fr. Kevin

With the support of the Hank Center, Dr. Solari-Twadell was able to study the long-term effects of these trips. Even years after their time at Lourdes, Loyola students found the trips to be transformational and to have impacted their lives and nursing practice. It was a particular delight to welcome Provost Doug Woods to the conversation and to recognize the profound value of Ann and teams's innovative work in nursing and spiritual care.

See All Faculty
Research
Projects

UPCOMING EVENT!
Sobrino Colloquium
on Worship,
Theology, and
Justice



Ignatian Heritage Month

Sobrino Student Colloquium on
Worship, Theology, and Justice

Friday, November 21,
2025,
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Information
Commons, 4th Floor,
Lakeshore Campus

As part of Ignatian Heritage Month, the Hank Center for the Intellectual Heritage and Campus Ministry invite undergraduate students to participate in a research colloquium dedicated to the great Salvadoran

Burke, S.J. to Loyola's Lakeshore Campus for a lecture about his new book, *Opening the Doors of the World*, which explores the poetry of Denise Levertov theologically. Her spirituality, already evident in her earlier poems, became increasingly political during the middle years of her poetic career and, without losing that critical focus, turned explicitly religious in her last two decades. With a discerning theological lens—one that accounts not only for the mystical and political dimensions of her spiritual belonging, but also her ecstatic attention to everyday realities—we can now read her life and poetic corpus as a whole and assess her enduring importance. At the same time, she serves as an invaluable guide for discerning the religious dimension of everyday experiences. Focusing specifically on Levertov's poem, *Something More*, Fr. Burke will explore Levertov's unique ability to articulate the mystical in the seemingly ordinary, opening new pathways for spiritual encounter.



RETREAT

"Annunciations: An Advent Retreat with the Poetry of Denise"

Saturday, November 22, 2025, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
St. Gregory's Hall

Join us for a day of prayer and reflection, drawing on the work of 20th century poet and Catholic convert Denise Levertov.

Her great poem "Annunciations" invites the reader to consider the working of grace in one's life and helps us to acquire the capacity to recognize and be transformed by it. Denise Levertov's (1923-1997) remarkable poetic journey was always one moving closer and closer to God. She formally entered the Catholic Church later in life and soon after engaged in a six-month process of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola under the direction of a Jesuit Spiritual Director in Seattle.

priest and theologian, Jon Sobrino. While most remembered for his pioneering work in Liberation Theology, Sobrino was a priest whose pastoral ministry and daily celebration of the liturgy informed his entire life. Sobrino, then, embodied a sacramental structure of the Christian life which is nourished in worship, deepened through theological reflection, and expressed through acts of justice in the world. This colloquium, bringing together undergraduate scholars from Loyola University Chicago, seeks to provide an opportunity for theological reflection rooted in worship and the Catholic intellectual tradition, and oriented outward in loving service to our world.

The theme of this year's colloquium is "Ignatian Humanism" and invited papers exploring this theme from a wide variety of angles which are themselves organized around the four Universal Apostolic Preferences Jesuit ministries are called to engage and embody: Showing the Way to God Through the Spiritual Exercises and Discernment; Walking with the Excluded; Journeying with Youth; and Caring for our Common Home. Six students have been selected to present their papers on these themes. Students, staff, and faculty are welcome to join us for this engaging afternoon.

Free and open to the public. The day will include coffee in the morning and a complimentary lunch. No familiarity with Levertov's poetry is required to participate.

**More About the
Lecture**

**More About the
Retreat**

Recap of Past Events

**EVENT RECAP: Annual Teilhard de Chardin, S.J.
Lecture featuring Sr. Iliia Delio, OSF
"Incarnation and Evolution: The Catholic Vision of
Teilhard de Chardin"**



**Thursday, October 30, 2025, 7 - 8:30 PM
Information Commons 4th Floor, Lakeshore Campus**

The Hank Center welcomed Sr. Iliia Delio, OSF as our 2025 Teilhard de Chardin, S.J. visiting Fellow in Catholic Studies. Professor Delio, who specializes in the area of science, technology, and religion, will offer this year's Teilhard lecture: "Incarnation and Evolution: The Catholic Vision of Teilhard de Chardin." The lecture engaged Teilhard's theological vision as a framework that offers valuable orientation for navigating contemporary challenges marked by rapid technological and social transformation.

All were welcome as we contemplated and discussed a future characterized by hope and active participation in the

**EVENT VIDEO NOW
AVAILABLE!**

**Book Lecture, *The
Last Supper: Art,
Faith, Sex, and
Controversy in the
1980s* by Paul Elie**



**Wednesday,
September 17, 2025, 7
- 8:30 PM**

The Hank Center welcomed National Book Critics Circle Award finalist Paul Elie to discuss his new book, *The Last Supper*, a vibrant study of how a diverse coterie of artists engaged in the "early skirmishes in the culture wars" that profoundly informed and described life in the U.S. in the 1980s. In his explorations--ranging from Leonard Cohen's Psalmist grade "Hallelujah" to Andy Warhol's adapting Leonardo's *The Last Supper* in response to the AIDS pandemic to Martin Scorsese's provocative cinematic rendering of Kazantzakis's *The Last Temptation of Christ*, Elie traces the beginning of our age of postsecularism, in which the religious imagination—and religious affiliation—is both surging and in decline. In Elie's new book, the creators (not the politicians) are the

ongoing creative process, grounded in a threefold faith: faith in God, faith in the world, and faith in God in and through the world.

The event video will be available soon. Please check back using the link below.



**More
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**EVENT RECAP AND VIDEO: Laudato si' @ 10:
The Promise & Peril of Technology with
Eugene McCarragher and Tony Mills**

protagonists, and the work they make speaks to conflicts that have only escalated since the consequential days of the 1980s.

10th Anniversary of the Papal Encyclical, *Laudato Si'* Virtual Series



**UPCOMING EVENT!
The Role of Literature and the Arts: A Conversation with Margaret Renkl**



November 11, 2025 at 5:30 PM Central Zoom Only

How can literature and the arts help us understand what we've lost and save what we can?

Register Now!

Watch Past Proceedings from *Laudato Si' @ 10* Series: *Envisioning a Livable Future*

January 29, February 17, March 11, March 15, April 9, 2025

An online, 7-part serial



**October 15, 2025, 7-8:30 PM
Information Commons, 4th Floor, LSC**

For our mid-October dialogue, the Hank Center convened (in partnership with John Carroll University) the sixth installment of our year-long celebration of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical, *Laudato si'* on its 10th anniversary. We welcomed Eugene McCarragher (Villanova University) and Tony Mills (University of Notre Dame) to discuss "The Promise and Peril of Technology: *Laudato si'*, AI, and the Experience of Being Human." Are there forms of technology that can help us, if not save us? What critical insight was Pope Francis disclosing in his critique of the "technocratic paradigm" in *Laudato si'*? What are the spiritual and social risks of a saturated digital culture? Of the "enchantment" and fetishization of AI? As ever, technology gives so many gifts, but digital technologies are a markedly different version in that they transform our fundamental sense of self and warp the boundaries between virtual and real. What are the costs of these socially embedded technologies? Who (and what) are we becoming in an increasingly disembodied world?

symposium in collaboration with John Carroll University, marking the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*.

Videos are now available from Spring Semester 2025. You can watch these by clicking the links below.

Topics Include:

[January 29: The Current State of Climate Change.](#)

What's happening? Are we too late? Can we bend the curve even now? What has changed since 2015? Furthermore, what needs to be done, by when, and how to do it?

[February 17: The Contribution of Catholic Social Thought.](#)

Ten years after the publication of *Laudato Si'*, what are, or ought to be, the growing edges of Catholic social thought? What does it have to contribute to our understanding of the climate crisis and the development of an ecological conscience?

[March 11: The Political Economy of Climate Change.](#)

How do we move from what Pope Francis has called an "economy that kills" both people and planet to an economy that is truly sustainable and just? What are the levers of such a system change, and what are the obstacles to it?

[March 15: Pope Francis and Caring](#)



[Watch the Event Video](#)

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How Did You Receive the Foreigner?:

Hank Center Undergraduate Intern Reflects on Time with Coalition of Spiritual and Public Leadership at Broadview Detention Center



Loyola students and faculty who joined CSPL at the Broadview Detention Center.

Reflection by:
Matthew Battaglia,
Senior, Philosophy Major;
Catholic Studies Minor

How did you receive the foreigner?

Saturday, November 1st marked a pivotal turning point for the Coalition of Spiritual and Public Leadership (CSPL), led by executive director

Michael Okińczyc-Cruz, along with members of local Christian



[For Our Common Home Today](#) Loyola University Chicago was the first U.S. university to respond to Pope Francis' encyclical in 2015--and we were proud to host a special panel this year: *Laudato Si'* @10: Pope Francis and Caring for Our Common Home Today, featuring Christiana Zenner (Fordham University), Thomas Hibbs (Baylor University), Channelle Robinson (College of the Holy Cross), and Br. Mark Mackey, S.J. (Loyola University).

[April 9: Environmental Politics](#), How do we move from what Pope Francis has called an "economy that kills" both people and planet to an economy that is truly sustainable and just? What are the levers of such a system change, and what are the obstacles to it?

Laudato Si'
Panel Event
Information

VIDEO NOW AVAILABLE!
Fourth Annual Way Forward Conference:
***Fratelli tutti*: Cultivating the Politics of Communion and Compassion**



This year's meeting,

parishes, universities, and communities. The Coalition gathered for Mass with hopes to bring communion to Catholic detainees held by ICE within the Broadview Detention Center.

The Mass was presided over by Bishop José María García-Maldonado of the Archdiocese of Chicago, who, along with Sister JoAnn Persch RSM, walked 100 yards from the altar to the checkpoint of the detention center and attempted to enter the facility. According to CSPL, "State police spoke on CSPL's behalf with ICE officials, who again refused to allow the group to enter and provide communion inside the facility."

I was among a group of twenty-five Loyola University Chicago students who took a caravan down to the detention center, joining almost two-thousand lay and religious who linked arms in solidarity with our community members who are being forced to live in squalor inside the center. There was a palpable sense of grief felt when the announcement was made that ICE had unconstitutionally denied entry and pastoral care to our brothers and sisters. However, as we stood there in silence, that grief took the form of defiance. We did not leave defeated, rather continued to pray, sing, and fulfill Christ's mission.

As a Catholic college student in a secular culture, I often feel helpless and limited in my ability to facilitate change against a government that squashes opposition with censorship and threats. However, joining a united organization like CSPL, a group that consists of my friends, mentors, and religious leaders, I couldn't help but feel supported and confident that our cause will be heard. What we are asking for is simple: bringing the Eucharist and spiritual care to immigrants held in detention. It is the sacred sacrament of the Eucharist that unites us in our mission and brings our impenetrable community to the forefront of injustice.

On November 4th, Pope Leo commented on CSPL's efforts to enter the Broadview facility stating that "The spiritual rights of people who have been detained should also be considered, and I would certainly invite the authorities to allow pastoral workers to attend to the needs of those people." When pressed, the Holy Father went deeper, citing The Gospel (MT 25): "Jesus says very clearly at the end of the world, we're going to be asked, 'How did you receive the foreigner? Did you receive him and welcome him or not?' And I think that there's a deep reflection that needs to be made in terms of what's happening."

It is very rewarding to see international attention being drawn to CSPL's cause--and to our cause as students in our Catholic Jesuit university community. This is a new way forward for us to draw attention to injustices that are being shielded from the public by federal law enforcement, and for us to demand humane conditions that uphold the dignity of our neighbors. As a united Church, we are called to organize and strategize as a community so that ICE will be forced to cooperate and render chances by being exposed to public criticism. It was quite a way to spend All Saints Day and I saw many saints in action.

Fratelli tutti: Cultivating the Politics of Communion and Compassion brought together a select group of Cardinals, other Bishops, scholars, public-facing Catholics, and journalists to focus on Pope Francis' encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, its specific themes of social friendship and a "better kind of politics," and the reception of these themes in the Catholic church in the US.

Learn more about these proceedings below. The stellar video, produced by America Media, will likely win awards.

Watch the
Conference
Summary Video

Read: Fordham
University
hosts
conference
dedicated to
spreading
Pope's vision in
US



**The Hank Center Honors Fr. Michael Garanzini, SJ
with Change to Graduate Fellowship Program:**

*The Michael J. Garanzini, S.J.
Fellowships in the Catholic
Intellectual Tradition*



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Michael Garanzini, S.J.

Fellowships in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition

We are pleased to announce our newly-renamed Michael J. Garanzini, S.J., Fellowships in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. These fellowships (formerly Hank Fellowships in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition) encourage and support graduate students in their exploration of the Catholic intellectual tradition in its many disciplinary and creative forms—in theology and philosophy, literature and the arts, natural and social sciences, social movements and culture, pedagogy and pastoral life. Named for Fr. Michael Garanzini, S.J., whose tenure as President of Loyola University Chicago from 2001-2015 was a profoundly transformational, watershed example of leadership and vision, the Garanzini Fellowships support the next generation of Catholic scholars across the United States as they engage life-giving scholarship in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition.

Spotlight: Hank Center Summer Graduate Student Fellowship

Meet our Fellows!

Ella Hadacek



Ella Hadacek is a Ph.D. candidate in History at the University of Notre Dame whose research sits at the intersection of religious history and the study of women and gender. She holds a B.A. in History from Northwest Nazarene University and an M.A. in History from Baylor University. Her dissertation, "Going to Rome: British and American Women's Conversion to Catholicism," explores how Protestant women's conversions challenge scholarly depiction of Catholic laywomen as pious, passive, and disinterested in the outside world. Based on research performed in archives in the U.S., England, and Italy, "Going to Rome" argues that these convert women—empowered by superior education and social-standing—used Catholicism to make sense of their place in the world and found avenues to agency and authority denied them in their respective nation states. The Hank Fellowship will

support archival research in the Boston area in Summer 2025.

Sean Haefner



Sean Haefner is a Ph.D. candidate in Philosophy at Boston College. He holds a joint M.A. in Philosophy and Theology from Boston College and a B.A. in philosophy from Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts. Sean researches ethical and religious experience in both the phenomenological and Thomistic traditions, drawing primarily upon the works of Edmund Husserl, St. Thomas Aquinas, and Bernard Lonergan, S.J. His dissertation reconstructs Husserl's phenomenological account of the experience of the ethical ought or obligation. Sean intends to overcome a false dichotomy in contemporary ethics between that which one is obligated to do and that which is good. Husserl's investigations of the ethical ought show that it emerges both out of the norms of practical reason responding to correctly ordered values and also out of absolute norms of love revealed through discernment of one's personal vocation. This, Sean contends, yields an account of obligation as an inner command of conscience that complements rather than competes with the central ethical phenomena of virtue ethics and Christian ethics, including the human good and the love of God and neighbor.

[Meet All of Our Fellows!](#)



In the spirit of cultivating the Catholic intellectual and artistic tradition, CCIH recommends new and notable books several times a year that integrate, interrogate, and celebrate Catholicism in dialogue with the world.

This month's recommendations feature the landmark encyclicals of Pope Francis along with autobiographical, biographical, and critical work written for both scholarly and popular audiences.

[Pope Francis: Migrants and Refugees, Witnesses of Hope \(2018\)](#)

Author: Pope Francis, Publisher: USCCB

In *Migrants and Refugees: Witnesses to Hope*, Pope Francis looks at the pressing witness needed in response to the growing occurrence of human migration.

Follow along with Fr. Michael Czerny, S.J., undersecretary for migrants and refugees at the Vatican, as he introduces Pope Francis's words, which include the pope's annual messages on the World Day of Migrants and Refugees and key homilies. Then, take a dynamic look at the political, economic, humanitarian, and social needs that arise in connection with migration. Consider, alongside the pope, the response required to the experience of men, women, and children who have risked everything to move to another country as well as the needs of communities that welcome new migrants.

Migrants and Refugees: Witnesses to Hope will give strength, encouragement, and conviction to those who have a heart for migrants and refugees and for the communities who receive them. It will prove a great resource for community leaders, church leaders, lay Catholics, parishioners, families, and all affected by or concerned about the effects of migration on peoples.

[A Theology of Migration: The Bodies of Refugees and the Body of Christ \(2023\)](#)

Author: Daniel G. Groody, Publisher: Orbis Books

This book is a systematic theology of migration that seeks to reframe the operative political, social and cultural narratives through a Eucharistic narrative. The heart of it revolves around the outer journey of migrants, the inner journey of faith, and the divine journey into our world. Drawing on accounts of migrants and refugees around the globe, the book explores the relationship between faith and justice, theology and migration, and Christian spirituality and the challenges of the modern world. From a theological perspective, it is about the God who first migrated to our world in the Incarnation and the God who calls people to migrate back to our spiritual homeland as citizens of the Kingdom. It explores the body of Christ as encountered inside of a church building in the sacrament of the Eucharist and the body of Christ as encountered outside of it in the least and the last of our world today (Mt. 25:31–46). In the context of the global migration and refugee crisis, it examines ways the divine and human intermingle on our earthly pilgrimage and transform us into the image and likeness of God to become bread for the world through the works of mercy.

[Mercy Without Borders: The Catholic Worker and Immigration \(2010\)](#)

Authors: Mark Zwick and Louise Zwick, Publisher: Paulist Press

This book is the Zwick's' story, a Catholic Worker story, interwoven with the stories, the joys, hopes, and tragedies of immigrants who have come to Houston, and an impassioned plea for a change in the political and economic forces that drive people to immigrate.

[Man and the State \(1998\)](#)

Author: Jacques Maritain, Publisher: Catholic University of America Press

"Of time-transcending value, this book is probably the most succinct and clearest statement of Thomistic political theory available to the English-language reader. Written during his exile from war-torn Europe, *Man and the State* is the fruit of Maritain's considerable learning as well as his reflections on his positive American experience and on the failure of regimes he closely encountered on the Continent."—Jude P. Dougherty, The Catholic University of America

"The lectures that were the basis for *Man and the State* were delivered at the University of Chicago at a time when Maritain was still in the first enthusiasm of his participation in the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights. He devotes particular attention to the concept of rights, since, historically, rights theories were fashioned to supplant the natural law theory to which Maritain as a Thomist gives his allegiance. Maritain provides an ingenious and profound theory as to how natural law and natural rights can be complementary. For this reason alone it remains a fundamental contribution to political philosophy, but it is filled with other gems as well. Was Maritain too optimistic in his appraisal of modernity? Or have we unjustly lost the optimism that was his? *Man and the State* is an invitation to rethink the way we pose the basic questions of political philosophy."—Ralph McInerney, Jacques Maritain Center, University of Notre Dame

[An Image of God: The Catholic Struggle with Eugenics \(2013\)](#)

Author: Sharon M. Leon, Publisher: The University of Chicago Press

During the first half of the twentieth century, supporters of the eugenics movement offered an image of a racially transformed America by curtailing the reproduction of "unfit" members of society. Through institutionalization, compulsory sterilization, the restriction of immigration and marriages, and other methods, eugenicists promised to improve the population—a policy agenda that was embraced by many leading intellectuals and public figures. But Catholic activists and thinkers across the United States opposed many of these measures, asserting that "every man, even a lunatic, is an image of God, not a mere animal."

In *An Image of God*, Sharon Leon examines the efforts of American Catholics to thwart eugenic policies, illuminating the ways in which Catholic thought transformed the public conversation about individual rights, the role of the state, and the intersections of race, community, and family. Through an examination of the broader questions raised in this debate, Leon casts new light on major issues that remain central in American political life today: the institution of marriage, the role of government, and the separation of church and state. This is essential reading in the history of religion, science, politics, and human rights.

[A Theology of Flourishing: The Fullness of Life for All Creation \(2025\)](#)

Author: Paul J. Schutz, Publisher: Orbis Books

Proposing a groundbreaking theological approach to what it means to truly thrive, *A Theology of Flourishing* reframes Christian thought around the concept of abundant life for all of creation. Drawing from scripture, tradition, and contemporary theology, Schutz argues that flourishing is God's fundamental intention for the universe. Suitable for students and scholars alike, this timely work confronts modern crises of injustice, inequality, and ecological destruction while constructing a fresh, hope-filled vision of Christian life for the well-being of all.

[Stumbling in Holiness: Sin and Sanctity in the Church \(2018\)](#)

Author: Brian P. Flanagan, Publisher: Liturgical Press

In *Stumbling in Holiness*, professor and theologian Brian P. Flanagan addresses the ways in which both holiness and sinfulness condition the life of the pilgrim church. The book is rooted in a liturgical-theological explanation of how the church prays through its continuing need for repentance and purification, as well as its belief in its present and future participation in the life of the Holy One. After reviewing some of the ways in which past theologians have tried to explain the coexistence of ecclesial holiness and sinfulness, Flanagan suggests that, even if we can have confidence that God will fully sanctify the church in the reign of God, our ecclesiology must always attend to both the sanctity we already experience in the church and the sinfulness that is part of our continuing journey toward that reign. The Hank Center welcomes **Dr. Flanagan** to Loyola as its new John Cardinal Cody Chair in Theology.

[In Ghostlight: Poems \(2024\)](#)

Author: Ryan Wilson, Publisher: LSU Press

In Ghostlight, a long-awaited second collection of original poems by Ryan Wilson, considers the haunting of the contemporary mind. With virtuosic formal variety and masterful craft, these

poems range from rural America to Italy to the Holy Land, as they chronicle the dynamism of a spiritual odyssey toward the eternal through both past and present. Wilson employs sonnets, Pindaric and ballad stanzas, alliterative hemistichs in imitation of the Anglo-Saxon, and other ancient forms to enlighten the modern experience, from smartphones and Facebook to jumbo jets, entangled in a reciprocal relationship with myths, sacred literature, and traditions.

Revealing that the past and the everlasting can inform the present at any given moment, *In Ghostlight* conveys how a vision acknowledging this dual illumination helps us understand ourselves and others in our fraught, complex era.

[Intermezzo: A Novel \(2024\)](#)

Author: Sally Rooney, Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Aside from the fact that they are brothers, Peter and Ivan Koubek seem to have little in common.

Peter is a Dublin lawyer in his thirties—successful, competent, and apparently unassailable. But in the wake of their father’s death, he’s medicating himself to sleep and struggling to manage his relationships with two very different women—his enduring first love, Sylvia, and Naomi, a college student for whom life is one long joke.

Ivan is a twenty-two-year-old competitive chess player. He has always seen himself as socially awkward, a loner, the antithesis of his glib elder brother. Now, in the early weeks of his bereavement, Ivan meets Margaret, an older woman emerging from her own turbulent past, and their lives become rapidly and intensely intertwined.

For two grieving brothers and the people they love, this is a new interlude—a period of desire, despair, and possibility; a chance to find out how much one life might hold inside itself without breaking.

[Walking Ghosts \(2025\)](#)

Author: Mary O'Donnell, Publisher: Mercier Press

In these masterful stories, Mary O'Donnell captures characters caught between certainties and change — from urban encounters to sun-drenched beaches, lockdown anxieties to nightclub tensions. Her walking ghosts navigate the liminal spaces of contemporary life.

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