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Pope Francis's Moral Message:
Care for the Environment, Care for the Poor

*An address by
Loyola University Chicago Chancellor Rev. Michael Garanzini, S.J.
followed by a panel discussion*



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SPECIAL ADDRESS

"Pope Francis's Moral Message: Care for the Environment, Care for the Poor"
Loyola University Chicago Chancellor Rev. Michael Garanzini, S.J.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Hon. Thomas More Donnelly (JD '86)
Moderator

PANELISTS

Mary Hallan Fiorito (JD '93)
*Catholic Women's Forum,
Ethics and Public Policy Center*

Professor Steve Ramirez
Loyola University Chicago School of Law

Alex Rangel (2L)
Loyola University Chicago School of Law

Professor Lucia Silecchia
Catholic University of America School of Law





Father Michael Garanzini, S.J., (above) and the panel will discuss Pope Francis's recent encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si*, in which the Pope challenges the whole human family to work together "to seek a sustainable and integral development." Because the development envisioned is "integral," the discussion will involve not only environmental affairs, but economics, and the family, and how these dimensions of "our common home" are addressed in law.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

MICHAEL J. GARANZINI, S.J.

After 14 years of leadership, Michael J. Garanzini, S.J., stepped down from his position as the 23rd president of Loyola University Chicago and assumed the role of chancellor on July 1, 2015. A seasoned university administrator, tenured professor, author, and scholar, Father Garanzini has spent the majority of his career working in higher education. In June 2011, Father Garanzini was appointed by Adolfo Nicolás, S.J., the superior general of the Society of Jesus, to serve as the secretary for higher education for the Society of Jesus. In this role, he assists the Father General on a part-time basis, coordinating and championing Jesuit higher-education issues around the world.

He received his BA in psychology from Saint Louis University in 1971, the same year he entered the Society of Jesus. He received a doctorate in psychology and religion from the Graduate Theological Union/University of California, Berkeley. He returned to Saint Louis University as an associate professor of counseling and family therapy, and served as assistant academic vice president from 1992 to 1994. He was appointed academic vice president in 1994, a post he held until 1998. Father Garanzini serves on numerous boards, is active in community service, and is best known for his work on behalf of children and families. He is a frequent speaker and has published many books and articles on issues such as child and family therapy, moral development, and Catholic education.

HON. THOMAS DONNELLY (JD '86)

Tom Donnelly serves as an associate judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and director of Loyola University Chicago's Corboy Fellowship Program in Trial Advocacy. Having served as a judge since 2000, he has presided over hundreds of jury trials in both criminal and civil matters. Donnelly chairs the Judicial Education Committee of the Illinois Judicial Conference, which conducts all judicial education and training in Illinois. He has served as chair of the Advanced Judicial Academy at the University of Illinois Law School, and the editorial board for Illinois Judicial Benchbook for Civil Law and Procedure. He also served on the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions for eight years. A long-time member of Loyola's adjunct law faculty, he teaches Illinois Civil Litigation Practice. Prior to becoming a judge, he clerked for the Honorable Mary Ann G. McMorrow (JD '53) and served for 13 years as an assistant public defender.

MARY HALLAN FIORITO (JD '93)

Ms. Fiorito is an experienced speaker, author and commentator on issues related to women, family, and the Catholic Church. After graduating from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in 1993, the late Joseph Cardinal Bernardin named her as director of the Office of Pro-Life Activities for the Archdiocese of Chicago, where she oversaw activities related to abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia and the death

penalty. Mary went on to serve as the Archdiocese of Chicago's first female vice-chancellor before being promoted to the position of executive assistant to the late Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.. She is a contributor to two books: *Breaking Through: Catholic Women Speak for Themselves* and *Promise and Challenge: Catholic Women Reflect on Complementarity, Feminism, and the Church*, both published by Our Sunday Visitor Press. Mary has appeared on local and national television and radio programs and her comments have been published in the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, and *Chicago Tribune*. She is a member of the Catholic Women's Forum of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.

STEVEN RAMIREZ

Professor Steven Ramirez is the associate dean for research and faculty development and director of Loyola's Business Law Center. He joined the law faculty at Loyola University Chicago in July 2006 from Washburn University School of Law in Topeka, Kansas, where he was the founding director of the Business and Transactional Law Center. Prior to joining the Washburn law faculty, he was a partner with Robinson Curley & Clayton, a Chicago litigation firm, specializing in corporate, securities and banking litigation. He also served as a senior attorney for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and as an Enforcement Attorney with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Professor Ramirez teaches Business Organizations,

Corporate Governance Law and Practice, and other business related classes. He has published extensively in the areas of law and economics, corporate governance, and financial regulation. His recent book, *Lawless Capitalism*, demonstrated that the Great Financial Crisis of 2008 was rooted in the failure of the rule of law to constrain small bands of financial elites from rigging global economy for great personal profit at great cost to all others.

ALEXIS RANGEL (2L)

Alexis Rangel is a second year law student pursuing Juris Doctor and Master of Public Policy degrees at Loyola University Chicago. He is the chair of the Norman Amaker Midwest Public Interest Law & Social Justice Retreat and director of policy initiatives for the National Latina/o Law Student Association. Originally from Texas, his passion for public interest began when volunteering with his parish's youth ministry program. Alexis received his Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Sam Houston State University with concentrations in Culture & Social Institutions and Inequality & Society. He has worked on policy issues with a variety of governmental and nongovernmental entities, including the Texas House of Representatives, Texas IMPACT, Cook County Board of Commissioners, and United Neighbors of the 35th Ward.

LUCIA SILECCHIA

Professor Lucia Silecchia has taught at Catholic University's Columbus School of Law since 1991, served as the law school's associate dean for academic affairs in 2004 and 2005, and was recently named Catholic University's Vice Provost for Policy. She also directs Catholic University's Summer Law Program in Rome. Professor Silecchia received her BA degree *summa cum laude* from Queens College (C.U.N.Y.) and her JD from Yale Law School, where she was a Francis Coker Teaching Fellow, senior editor of *The Yale Law Journal*, and current topics editor of *Yale Law & Policy Review*. She returned to Yale Law School as a visiting scholar in the fall 2000 term. Professor Silecchia writes in the areas of environmental law and ethics, elder law, Catholic social thought, legal education, law and literature, and legal writing. She has been a news commentator on *EWTN Nightly News* and speaks to the media on questions of environmental law and ethics. In 2007, Professor Silecchia was one of nine Americans to participate in a Vatican conference on Climate Change and Development, sponsored by the Pontifical council for Justice and Peace.



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