



From the Director

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Kind greetings, one and all, and welcome to the annual jam-packed "Grad Edition" of our newsletter.

We laud in a special way the nine Catholic Studies seniors who will "walk" this week with their classmates in Loyola's 155th Commencement. We are quite proud of these CS Minors as they represent the core of what we seek to "do" here at LUC and at the Hank Center-- that is, to provide a holistic, transformative undergraduate education in the Catholic-Jesuit tradition. This kind of education is disclosing itself once again as truly distinct-- and more important than ever. We thank Dr. Naomi Fisher for her superb leadership as she directs the CS minor through the interesting intellectual terrain of our historical moment.

Speaking of history, the Hank Center celebrates its 20th anniversary next year, an impending milestone of which I was reminded as we celebrated the excellent Fr. Dan Hartnett, S.J., at our 2025 Living Tradition Award last month. Along with chief architect Fr. Michael Garanzini, S.J., Dr. Adriaan Peperzak, and Founding Director Dr. Michael Schuck, Fr. Hartnett helped found the Hank Center in the early 2000s. This quartet (along with several others, including Fr. Mark Bosco, S.J.) began to build the Center creatively--with advanced levels of discernment, care, and imagination--and we are building the Center still under the lights of these three central Ignatian practices and animating values.

This is the kind of intentional vision with which Joan and Bill Hank endowed the Center, and the vision they brought to Fr. Garanzini when the idea of creating a university Center of Excellence in the Catholic Intellectual and Social tradition was first hatched. We take the opportunity here to thank Joan and Bill once again—and to thank the extended Hank family

as well-- for their extraordinary financial, spiritual, and moral commitment to Loyola and the Hank Center. Take a look at our [15th Anniversary commemorative "Coffee Table" book here](#). We have come so far in a short time and punch well above our weight. Looking forward to celebrating 20 years next spring.

We also thank Fr. Garanzini for the innovative spirit and deft leadership with which he led Loyola from 2001-2015-- and more to say (and show) about our gratitude to "Fr. MJG" below. We also thank our LTA honoree, Fr. Dan Hartnett once more as he remains a beacon of light from which the very substance of what constitutes a Catholic-Jesuit education is shone. Dan's document, [Transformative Education in the Catholic Jesuit tradition](#), remains essential, luminous reading and describes well our aspirations, priorities, and commitments here at the Hank Center.

I write these words honoring the spirit and example of another transformational force whose life was exemplary of Catholic-Jesuit tradition and style, that of our dearly departed Pope Francis..... (This is the sentence I was writing when the white smoke billowed from the Sistine Chapel yesterday and so I paused. Wow.). We will miss our beloved Pope Francis but are so heartened to have a second pope from the Americas and, of course, [Sweet Home Chicago](#): Pope Leo XIV! Amazing and more soon on that as I have a feeling our important work with the Holy Father will continue.

Again, this issue is packed. There are so many things to read, celebrate, and view-- so please read on. Profuse, unreserved thanks to Katie Arnold, Dr. Joe Vukov. Julian Sieber, ABD-- and our undergrad phenoms Emily, Vincent, and Matthew. What a superb team and it's been a substantive and consequential year here at the Center. My best to you, dear reader, and,

Warmest regards,

Dr. Michael P. Murphy



**Hank Center
Highlights**

**EVENT RECAP & VIDEO NOW AVAILABLE!
Annual Cardinal Bernardin Common Cause Lecture
featuring Bishop Mark Seitz**

Spring 2025 Events Calendar

THE HANK CENTER
AT LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

SPRING EVENTS 2025

JANUARY

- JANUARY 14 | 10:00 AM**
Lecture Series on Migration Through the Lens of Catholic Social Teaching and Adult Education
Lecturer: "Education and Migration: A Double Role of Loyola's Spiritual DNA"
Open Only | Registration Requested
- JAN 21 | 7:00 PM**
Lecture: Newman's Case as Doctor of the Church
The Hank Center welcomes Rev. Father Carl J. Hefflinger, S.J., as the featured speaker for the evening.
Open Only | Registration Requested
- JAN 29 | 7:00 PM**
Lecture: On the Christian Liberty Imagination
Lecturer: Most Rev. Bishop Gene Robinson
Open Only | Registration Requested
- JAN 29 | 7:00 PM**
Lecture 2: "St. John Paul II and Pope Francis in Migration"
Open Only | Registration Requested

FEBRUARY

- FEB 11 | 7:00 PM**
Lecture: Newman's Case as Doctor of the Church
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Open Only | Registration Requested

MARCH

- MARCH 11 | 7:00 PM**
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LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

We hope to see you at our upcoming events!

Loyola Remembers Pope Francis



"With a papacy defined by the same values that drive Loyola University Chicago's mission, it's no surprise that the first Jesuit pope built a cherished connection with Loyola. From direct meetings with Loyola students and staff, to wisdom that drove worldwide initiatives, Pope Francis's legacy will continue to live on through the Loyola community..."

Read on...

VIDEO NOW AVAILABLE!

Laudato Si' @10: Pope Francis and Caring for Our Common Home Today



Images and Likenesses: Immigration, Dignity, and the Soul of America

Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 7 - 8:30 PM
Lakeshore Campus, Coffey Hall, McCormick Lounge

The Hank Center was honored to welcome Most Rev. Mark J. Seitz, Bishop of El Paso and Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Migration, to deliver the annual Cardinal Bernardin Common Cause Lecture.

In the midst of the contentious public dialog around immigration, Catholics find themselves at an important theological and moral crossroads. This is especially true in light of Pope Francis' recent letter calling for all Catholics to reject narratives that discriminate and dehumanize.

In addition to being an episcopal leader on the duty to care for immigrants, Bishop Seitz has served migrant families and refugees face-to-face in El Paso with compassion, solidarity, and love. In this way, Bishop Seitz's ministry models the gospel obligation to welcome the stranger with openness--a calling that is not only for a 'border bishop' like himself, but for all who seek to realize a true borderless church whose mission is to go out to the margins.

This event was free, open to the public, and all were welcome to join!



**Saturday, March 15th,
4:30 - 7:00 PM CT
McCormick Lounge,
Coffey Hall, LSC**



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).

This event included a hosted post-panel reception and is one of the free sessions offered during the **School of Environmental Sustainability's annual Climate Change Conference.**

There was a concert that followed the reception, an original composition by Loyola's Dongryul Lee, *Missa Laudato Si'*-- and a community celebration of the work of Dean Nancy Tuchman and her brilliant career of climate leadership and caring for our common home.

***Laudato Si'
Panel Event
Information***



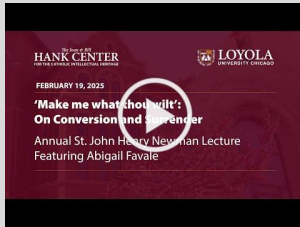
Event Information

Watch Bishop Seitz's Lecture

**Living Tradition Award 2025
Fr. Dan Hartnett, SJ**

VIDEO AVAILABLE!

**2025 Annual St. John
Henry Newman
Lecture
presented by
Dr. Abigail Favale**



*'Make me what thou
wilt': On Conversion
and Surrender*

**Wednesday, February
19, 2025, 7-8:30 PM
CT
Information
Commons 4th Floor,
LSC**

This year's St. John Henry Newman lecturer was **Dr. Abigail Favale of the McGrath Center at the University of Notre Dame.** Dr. Favale shared her conversion story, a thoroughly 21st century experience that includes the discovery of the startling beauty of a sacramental cosmos and a vision of reality that upended her notions of gender, sexuality, identity, and authority. She describes in her recovery of an ancient faith that "There are events in life that leave you changed forever, right down to the very roots and heart of your being, because they go 'into the deep.'"

**Event
Information**



Each spring the Hank Center presents the Living Tradition Award to a retired Loyola University Chicago faculty member who has exemplified the integration of Catholic thought into their work. This award commemorates extraordinary lives of scholarship, research, service, and teaching in specific fields of expertise.

This year we honored Fr. Dan Hartnett, S.J., an exemplary practitioner of Catholic Jesuit education and service--and a key voice in the foundation of the Hank Center. McCormick Lounge was filled with Fr. Dan's family, friends, and colleagues. Included in the program were special video messages sent by friends and colleagues in Peru and in Montana, exemplifying the extraordinary impact of a most deserving recipient!

Congratulations, Fr. Dan!

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



*The Hank Center is proud to be involved in a number of events commemorating the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si'*: On Care for Our Common Home:*

VIRTUAL SERIES: Envisioning a Livable Future (Zoom Only, Registration Required)

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

An online, 7-part serial 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 for the first two sessions. 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?



Dr. Paula Tallman offers a personal reflection on the impact that Fr. Dan has made in her life.



Dr. Michael Schuck shares stories about his work with Fr. Dan.

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?

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?

Register for Upcoming Envisioning a Livable Future Sessions

Journeys of Dignity: Recap and Videos



Provost Doug Woods, who shared that he was inspired to dedicate his career to Jesuit Education because of the Peruvian institute that Fr. Dan founded, confers the Living Tradition Award.

[View the Full Photo Album](#)

Catholic Studies End of Year Student Banquet



Nine undergraduate students pose with their certificates after completing their Catholic Studies minor with program Director, Dr. Naomi Fisher.

Reflection by: Matthew Battaglia Undergraduate Assistant Junior, Political Science & Philosophy

Students gathered at Ignatius House Jesuit Community at the annual Catholic Studies Banquet to reflect and share how their Catholic Studies minor has cultivated a deeper faith



The Hank Center was proud to cosponsor Journeys of Dignity: A Lecture series on Migration through the Lens of Catholic Social Teaching and Jesuit Education.

**Session One,
January 15, 2025,
"Education and
Migration: A Double
Helix of Loyola's
Spiritual DNA":**

presented by Michael Canaris, PhD of the Institute of Pastoral Studies and Aleja Sastoque Luna, MA of Campus Ministry

(Photo above by Vatican Media)

**EVENT RECAP
Newman's Cause as
Doctor of the Church
with Ken Parker**



The Hank Center was pleased to welcome Ken Parker, one of the promoters for Newman's cause for Doctor of the Church, to Loyola for a luncheon and presentation.

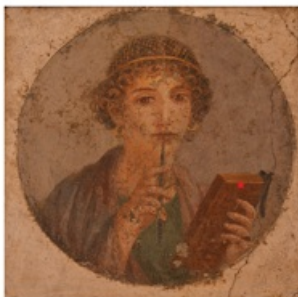
Dr. Parker is the Ryan Endowed Chair for Newman Studies, Chair of the Department of Catholic Studies, and Professor of Catholic Studies and Historical Theology at Duquesne University.

In the video below you can hear Dr. Parker speak about St. John Henry Newman in an interview he did with

throughout their academic journey at Loyola. The Catholic Studies minor program has been developed and sustained through the collaboration and support of the Hank Center to help students draw connections from the antiquity and tradition of Catholicism to the modern world, and how they can apply those skills and connections to their communities. The banquet serves as a way for graduating students in the program to present their capstone research projects on topics ranging from Virtue in Business: A Positive Approach to Business Ethics presented by João Vítor Moraes Barreto, to A Living Proof: The Women who Inspired my Faith Journey at Loyola by Agnes Davila. The Catholic Studies minor program is open to any Loyola undergrad, regardless of faith background, to dive deeper into religious and philosophical courses offered by Loyola.

More about the Catholic Studies Minor

**EVENT RECAP & VIDEO!
The Pleasures of Pseudepigraphy Conference**



***The Pleasures of
Pseudepigraphy:***

Authorship and Imagination in
Ancient Epistolary Fictions

March 30-31, 2025
Information Commons, 4th Floor,
Lake Shore Campus

**March 30-31, 2025
Lakeshore Campus, Information Commons, 4th Floor**

This event was sponsored by the Hank Center, the Loyola University Chicago Department of Theology and Department of Classics.

Building on a growing body of recent scholarship on ancient pseudepigraphy and the varied ways in which ancient writers attributed texts to others, this conference centered the genre of the letter with an examination of epistolary fictions. We considered what features particular to a letter make it particularly well suited for ancient pseudepigraphy, such as the ways it mediates presence across distance and associates itself with a particular personality.

While recognizing the merits of recent scholarship that focuses on authenticity, forgery, and deception, we sought to examine other facets of epistolary pseudepigraphy, such as aesthetic pleasure, intellectual utility, poetics, and claims to authority. Given the significance of epistolary fictions in both ancient Jewish and ancient Christian literature, the conference examined pseudepigraphic letters as a broad phenomenon within the literature of the ancient Mediterranean, but also as integral to developing notions of Jewish and Christian scripture and authoritative tradition.

While the majority of the conference consisted of historical and

EWTN prior to Newman's canonization.

More about St. John Henry Newman

EVENT RECAP Luncheon with Graham Ward



On February 13, 2025, the Hank Center had the great privilege of welcoming Graham Ward to Loyola during a special luncheon. Ward visited to discuss philosophy, theology, and literature with a small group of Loyola staff, faculty, and students.

NEW VIDEO AVAILABLE!

Reckoning with History: The Praxis of Reconciliation



Featured panelists include:

Robin Rue Simmons, Executive Director of [FirstRepair](#)

Monica Haslip, Executive Director of [Little Black Pearl](#)

literary analyses of ancient letters, a final session considered how pseudepigraphic letters inform our understanding of tradition and scripture in ancient Judaism and ancient Christianity, becoming part of what one scholar has termed “the vitality of scripture.”

We invited papers focused on pseudepigraphic letters in ancient Mediterranean literature particularly in response to the following questions:

- To what extent are these letters reading instructions for audiences who possess earlier works? How do they illuminate relationships between writers, texts, and audiences?
- How do writers employ pseudepigraphic letters to build new worlds and invite audiences to inhabit them?
- How do pseudepigraphic letters overwrite previous literary works, functioning as a corrective or alternative?
- Where do we detect a pseudepigraphic impulse that goes beyond deception or pure utilitarianism? Where and how does pseudepigraphic epistolarity demonstrate aesthetic delight or poetic imagination?
- How do pseudepigraphic letters negotiate between past horizons and future trajectories, whether intellectual, political, literary, poetic, and/or theological?

More Information and Conference Schedule

Plenary Address by Patricia Rosenmeyer: "Ancient Pilgrim or Armchair Traveler: the Curious Case of P. Lond. III 854"

EVENT RECAP & VIDEO! 2025 Annual Teilhard de Chardin, S.J. Lecture presented by: Dr. Bronwen McShea

[Workshop](#)

Fr. Joshua Peters, SJ,
Director of Mission and
Identity at Christ the
King Jesuit College
Preparatory School
and [Jesuit Antiracism
and Sodality
Leadership](#)

Moderator: **Monique
Trusclair Maddox**,
President and CEO of
the [Descendants Truth
and Reconciliation
Foundation](#)

Over the last 10 years,
the Hank Center has
convened several
conversations on the
hard history of Jesuit
slaveholding-- not only
taking a focused look
at Georgetown's slave-
owning past but also
examining other
aberrational
institutional and
corporate behaviors in
regard to subjugation
and power taking place
in the US both
historically and
presently.

Reckoning with History
was a multi-panel
conversation that
sought to share this
slaveholding history,
examine the
experience of grappling
with these facts,
understand the
approaches to take
action, and explore
ways that individuals,
organizations, and
university communities
can move forward in a
just and careful way.

[See More
Videos](#)

SPOTLIGHT:
Nexus:
Conversations on the



Is Catholicism's 'Woman Problem' a History Problem?

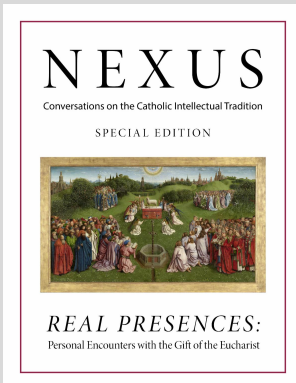
***Thursday, March 20th, 2025, 7-8:30 PM
Information Commons 4th Floor, LSC***

The Hank Center was honored to welcome the Spring, 2025 Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J. Fellow in Catholic Studies, Dr. Bronwen McShea, to offer this year's Teilhard lecture, titled, "Is Catholicism's 'Woman Problem' a History Problem?"

Sixty years after Vatican II, eyebrows still go up when women assume leadership positions in the Catholic Church. Yet forms of female leadership were integral to Catholicism's development long before modern times. McShea links Catholicism's often perceived "woman problem" to chronic forgetfulness about this within the Church and urges more mature engagement with history per se in Catholic intellectual life.

Bronwen McShea is a historian and the author of *Women of the Church: What Every Catholic Should Know* (2024), *La Duchesse: The Life of Marie de Vignerot, Cardinal Richelieu's Forgotten Heiress Who Shaped the Fate of France* (2023), and *Apostles of Empire: The Jesuits and New France* (2019). Her writings have also appeared in many academic journals and popular forums including *The Wall Street Journal* and *First Things*. With a Ph.D. in History from Yale University and M.T.S. from Harvard Divinity School, she has held research and teaching posts at Princeton University, Columbia University, the University of Nebraska Omaha, and the Leibniz Institute of European History in Germany, among other institutions.

**SPECIAL EDITION
Real Presences:
Personal Encounters
with the Gift of the
Eucharist**



"The sacramental imagination is an integral feature of Catholic life; and both the possibilities and reach of Holy Communion—of the Eucharist, which the Second Vatican Council rightly characterizes as “source and summit” of Christian life—is as variegated as each person. As Catholics, we are not all called to be cookie-cutter replicas of each other; but we are called to live in communion. And we are called to be saints."

Excerpt from
Introduction by Dr.
Michael P. Murphy

**Read Real
Presences**



Event Information

**Watch the Teilhard Lecture with Dr. Bronwen
McShea**

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



**Thursday, March 12th-15th, 2025
Fordham University**

This year's meeting, *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.

Our Center Director, Dr. Michael Murphy, spoke with Vatican News about the gathering. You can find the article linked below as well as a special congratulatory video for Pope Francis in

honor of his 12th anniversary as Pope:

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

Special Greeting for Pope Francis

Newman Forum



Saturday, March 1st, 2025
University of St. Mary of the Lake

Reflection by:
Dr. Joseph Vukov,
Associate Director of the Hank Center

Young Catholics leave the Church for many reasons. We know, however, that one prominent reason is intellectual dissatisfaction. Catholics are not always exposed to the richness of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition and so look elsewhere for intellectual engagement.

The Newman Forum, hosted by the Lumen Christi Institute, aims to remedy this disconnect by exposing young Catholics to Catholic intellectual life. The Forum, held yearly at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, brings Catholic high school students to the University's campus for a day of learning about and reflection on "scientific, historical, literary, and religious topics." This year's Newman Forum was themed: *What Really Happens When...?* Presentations included: *What really happens when you try to live forever? What really happens when you forgive someone? What really happens when statues weep and paintings bleed?*

Over three hundred students attended the Forum, and Loyola sent three faculty members as presenters, including Hank Center Director Mike Murphy and Associate Director Joe Vukov. Murphy, Vukov, and Loyola Biologist Michael Burns (pictured) presented on Catholic intellectual life to dozens of

high school students and met with them during informal “Office Hours.” We look forward to continuing this partnership in future years.



(Left-Right): Hank Center Associate Director, Dr. Joseph Vukov, Hank Center Director, Dr. Michael Murphy, and Dr. Michael Burns (Department of Biology) at the Newman Forum.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

**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***



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, SJ, 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!

Cecille Medina-Maldonado



Cecille Medina-Maldonado is a Ph.D. candidate in Religious Studies, with the specialty of Systematic Theology/Ethics at Marquette University. She holds a B.S. in Food Science and Human Nutrition from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and an M.A. in Theological Studies from Loyola University Chicago. Her research interests center on the thought and theology of Bernard Lonergan, S.J., and Robert M. Doran, S.J., and theological bioethics. Her dissertation, titled “Towards Relationship: A Trinitarian Model in Defense of Human Embryo Adoption,” employs the trinitarian theology of Lonergan, as later developed by Doran, as a framework for theological anthropology, with an emphasis on a trinitarian elucidation of the imago Dei. Medina-Maldonado applies this

trinitarian theological anthropology to the dilemma of the fate of 'spare' frozen human embryos within the Catholic bioethical tradition. This project provides a relationship-based model for this quandary as a means to move the conversation forward for adopting embryos. In short, she argues that because human persons are made in the image and likeness of a trinitarian God, who is in relationship and is relation, adopting human embryos can be analogous to God's own adoption of all children of God. Drawing on various analogies for the Trinity and its implications for theological anthropology, Medina-Maldonado concludes that embryo adoption within the Catholic bioethical tradition can be licit—and even virtuous—when careful attention is given to the renewal of relationships among the waiting embryo, its adoptive family, and the greater community.

Gavin Moulton



Gavin Moulton is a Ph.D. candidate in History at the University of Notre Dame with a research focus on the impact of industrial capitalism and migration on twentieth-century architectural and religious traditions. He holds an M.A in History from the University of Notre Dame and a B.A. in History of Art and Architecture and Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations from Harvard University. His dissertation, "From Church to Factory: Schisms and Strikes in the Slavic Industrial Belt, 1877-1941," is a grassroots history of religious and labor conflict among Slavic Catholic migrants in American churches, mills, and mines. Rooted in foreign language sources and extensive archival research in Europe and the United States, "From Church to Factory" reveals how Slavic migrants forged a cultural region and laid a foundation for New Deal era labor action. The Hank Fellowship will support archival research and documentation of Slavic church architecture and murals in Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania.

[See All of Our Fellows](#)

Jamie Myrose



Jamie Myrose is a Ph.D. candidate in Theology at Boston College studying Systematic Theology. She graduated magna cum laude from Boston College with a B.A. in Theology and Perspectives (Great Books) in 2018 and from the University of Notre Dame with an M.T.S. in Systematic Theology in 2020. Jamie is also a member of the twelfth cohort of Lilly Doctoral Fellows. Her dissertation, entitled “Everything is Friendship: Towards a More Relational Theological Anthropology,” explores how everyday friendships impact one’s response to God’s invitation to relationship. She argues that friendship, in conjunction with God’s participation, is the means and ends of humanity’s relational orientation, meaning that friendship serves as a line of continuity between both earthly and eschatological human existences. The support of the Hank Fellowship will allow Jamie to focus upon writing the third chapter of her dissertation, which examines the activity of particular friendships in accounts drawn from the Bible, literature, and popular culture.

RECOMMENDED READING



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.

[Dilexit Nos: On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ \(2024\)](#)

Author: Pope Francis, Publisher: OSV Catholic Bookstore

In *Dilexit Nos*, Pope Francis invites us to reflect on aspects of the Lord's love that could illuminate the path of ecclesial renewal and resonate meaningfully with "a world that seems to have lost its heart." This encyclical, which includes reflections from Sacred Scripture and previous magisterial teachings, reintroduces the Church to the spiritually profound devotion to the Sacred Heart.

[Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship \(2020\)](#)

Author: Pope Francis, Publisher: OSV Catholic Bookstore

In his third encyclical, *Fratelli tutti*, Pope Francis reflects on a topic of great importance: human solidarity and friendship. Following his election to the papacy, Pope Francis first greeted the world with the words *fratelli e sorelle* — "brothers and sisters." In this encyclical, he continues to address all men and women as his brothers and sisters, calling us to consider what our common brotherhood requires of us.

[Laudato Si and Laudate Deum \(2025\)](#)

Author: Pope Francis, Publisher: OSV Catholic Bookstore

In this combined edition of the full texts of *Laudato Si'* and *Laudate Deum*, Pope Francis draws all Christians into a dialogue with every person on the planet about our common home. As human beings we are united by concern for our planet and every living thing that dwells on it, especially the poorest and most vulnerable.

[Hope: The Autobiography \(2025\)](#)

Author: Pope Francis & Jorge Mario Bergoglio, Publisher: Penguin Random House

Hope is the first autobiography in history ever to be published by a Pope. Written over six years, this complete autobiography starts in the early years of the twentieth century, with Pope Francis's Italian roots and his ancestors' courageous migration to Latin America, continuing through his childhood, the enthusiasms and preoccupations of his youth, his vocation, adult life, and the whole of his papacy up to the present day.

In recounting his memories with intimate narrative force (not forgetting his own personal passions), Pope Francis deals unsparingly with some of the crucial moments of his papacy and writes candidly, fearlessly, and prophetically about some of the most important and controversial questions of our present times: war and peace (including the conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East), migration, environmental crisis, social policy, the position of women, sexuality, technological developments, the future of the Church and of religion in general.

Hope includes a wealth of revelations, anecdotes, and illuminating thoughts. It is a thrilling and very human memoir, moving and sometimes funny, which represents the "story of a life"

and, at the same time, a touching moral and spiritual testament that will fascinate readers throughout the world and will be Pope Francis's legacy of hope for future generations.

[Catholic Discordance: Neoconservatism vs. the Field Hospital Church of Pope Francis \(2021\)](#)

Author: Massimo Borghesi, Publisher: Liturgical Press

One element of the church that Pope Francis was elected to lead in 2013 was an ideology that might be called the "American" model of Catholicism—the troubling result of efforts by intellectuals like Michael Novak, George Weigel, and Richard John Neuhaus to remake Catholicism into both a culture war colossus and a prop for ascendant capitalism.

After laying the groundwork during the 1980s and armed with a selective and manipulative reading of Pope John Paul II's 1991 encyclical *Centesimus Annus*, these neoconservative commentators established themselves as authoritative Catholic voices throughout the 1990s, viewing every question through a liberal-conservative ecclesial-political lens. The movement morphed further after the 9/11 terror attacks into a startling amalgamation of theocratic convictions, which led to the troubling theo-populism we see today.

The election of the Latin American pope represented a mortal threat to all of this, and a poisonous backlash was inevitable, bringing us to the brink of a true "American schism." This is the drama of today's Catholic Church. In *Catholic Discordance: Neoconservatism vs. the Field Hospital Church of Pope Francis*, Massimo Borghesi—who masterfully unveiled the pope's own intellectual development in his *The Mind of Pope Francis*—analyzes the origins of today's Catholic neoconservative movement and its clash with the church that Francis understands as a "field hospital" for a fragmented world.

[Discovering Pope Francis: The Roots of Jorge Mario Bergoglio's Thinking \(2019\)](#)

Edited by Brian Y. Lee and Thomas L. Knoebel, Publisher: Liturgical Press

The dangerous tendency to reduce theological positions to political ones has always fueled divisions in the Church, and it plagues debates surrounding Pope Francis's teaching today. This collection of essays was born of a landmark international symposium designed to promote theological understanding by contextualizing the thought of Pope Francis—from his understanding of history to his theology of mission—within important theological conversations rarely heard in the US Catholic Church. Its contributors demonstrate decisively that Pope Francis's magisterium is the fruit of a profound and distinctive, yet deeply Catholic, intellectual engagement with the theological and ecclesial traditions of the Church.

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[Pope Francis: Life and Revolution \(2013\)](#)

Author: Elisabetta Piqué, Publisher: Loyola Press

In Italy, they call him il Papa, which means "The Father." Until his unprecedented election, author and friend Elisabetta Piqué called him Padre Jorge. He may have changed his name to become Pope Francis, but it did not change their friendship.

Since Jorge Mario Bergoglio became Pope Francis in 2013, countless books have been written to help the world understand this deeply complex yet simple servant of God. What sets *Pope Francis: Life and Revolution* apart from all other biographies of Pope Francis is the careful research and original investigation behind it, along with the fact that it is written by an internationally respected journalist—Elisabetta Piqué—who has remained close to the Pope since first meeting him back in 2001.

Over 75 individuals were interviewed for *Pope Francis: Life and Revolution*, including lay

people, priests, bishops, and cardinals who have known or worked with Francis at various times in his life. Insights from these people, as well as from friends and family members, allow us to see a profoundly personal side of the Pope. His humility and humanity, courage and conviction, and warmth and wisdom are revealed as Piqué shares little-known episodes from Francis's life.

With a foreword by Cardinal Seán O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., *Pope Francis: Life and Revolution* is the definitive resource and narrative of a man personally known by few and revered and respected by many. *Pope Francis: Life and Revolution* reveals a man consistent in his beliefs and actions. He is a spiritual leader unwavering in his love for God, whose inner joy and peace move him—and can inspire us—to serve the least, the last, and the lost.

[Pope Francis: Why He Leads the Way He Leads \(2013\)](#)

Author: Chris Lowney, Publisher: Loyola Press

From choosing to live in a simple apartment instead of the papal palace to washing the feet of men and women in a youth detention center, Pope Francis's actions contradict behaviors expected of a modern leader. Chris Lowney, a former Jesuit seminarian turned Managing Director for JP Morgan & Co., shows how the pope's words and deeds reveal spiritual principles that have prepared him to lead the Church and influence our world—a rapidly-changing world that requires leaders who value the human need for love, inspiration, and meaning.

Drawing on interviews with people who knew him as Father Jorge Bergoglio, SJ, Lowney challenges assumptions about what it takes to be a great leader. In so doing, he reveals the "other-centered" leadership style of a man whose passion is to be with people rather than set apart. Lowney offers a stirring vision of leadership to which we can all aspire in our communities, churches, companies, and families.

[The Jesuit Disruptor: A Personal Portrait of Pope Francis \(2024\)](#)

Author: Michael W. Higgins, Publisher: House of Anansi Press

A fresh look at a complex pope with a simple agenda: radically reforming the Catholic Church.

Jorge Mario Bergoglio is the consummate disruptor, disrupting archaic modes of church governance, disrupting our collective spiritual complacency in the face of new challenges to our human flourishing while at the same time remaining deeply faithful to the organic traditions of the church. He is the leader of the Roman Catholic Church, but beyond that he is a universal leader with commanding moral presence, able to connect with laypeople and with non-Christian faiths. Pope Francis is also a credible moral voice on issues of immigration, economic inequity, the devastating consequences of political populism, and the accelerating threats to the environment, in spite of the fact that he faces deep infrastructure and governance scandals in his organization.

In his determination to reform the Vatican and ensure the Catholic faith evolves in a way that is relevant to the 21st century, Francis is very much carrying on the tradition of the Jesuits, an order known for their work in education, humanitarian missions, and social justice. A deep understanding of the Jesuit order informs Michael W. Higgins's approach in this novel reading of a papacy unlike any other.

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