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TUESDAY, MAY 24

3:00 p.m.

Check-In

4:00 p.m.

Presidential Address

Moderator: Rev. Khaled Anatolios, University of Notre Dame

Matthew Levering, University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary

4:30 p.m.

Session 1: Four Talks on Scripture and the Fathers

James Prothro, Augustine Institute

“Patterns of Penance: Sacramental Biblical Theology beyond Signs and Things”

Gerald P. Boersma, Ave Maria University

“Sacramental Sanctification and the Spiritual Senses in the *Confessions*”

Elizabeth Klein, Augustine Institute, *Guest Presenter*

“Augustine on the Eucharist as Sacrament of Unity”

Rev. Brian Dunkle, S.J., Boston College

“The Grace of Nature and the Grace of the Sacrament in Pro-Nicene Theology”

5:45 p.m.

Session 2: Panel Discussion on Scripture and the Fathers

The previous four speakers, plus:

Lewis Ayres, Durham University

Rev. Khaled Anatolios, University of Notre Dame

6:45 p.m.

Chairman’s Presentation of the 2022 ACT Dissertation Prize and the 2022 Fr. Joseph Koterski, S.J., Research Fellowship for Philosophy in Theology

Jacob Wood, Franciscan University of Steubenville

6:55 p.m.

Dinner (*on one’s own*)

8–10 p.m.

Reception

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

- 9:30 a.m. **Business Meeting**
- 10:45 a.m. **Mass** (*Priory Chapel*)
Principal Celebrant: Archbishop J. Augustine Di Noia, O.P.,
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
- 11:45 a.m. **Lunch** (*Boxed lunch available for those who have preregistered*)
- 12:45 p.m. **Session 3: Three Talks on the Medievals**
Sr. Albert Marie Surmanski, O.P., University of St. Thomas,
Houston
“Sacramental Wisdom: *Humilitatio, Eruditio, Exercitatio* in the
Scholastics and Today”

Justus Hunter, United Theological Seminary
“Sacramental Sanctification and John Duns Scotus”

Michael Hahn, Mount St. Mary’s Seminary
“Aquinas on the Eschatological Dimensions of the Eucharist”
- 2:00 p.m. **Session 4: Panel Discussion on the Medievals**
The previous three speakers, plus:

Boyd Taylor Coolman, Boston College

Bruce Marshall, Southern Methodist University
- 3:15 p.m. **Session 5: Four Talks on Post-Tridentine Theology**
Rev. Reginald Lynch, O.P., Dominican House of Studies
“The Sacramental Character and the Pattern of Theological Life in
Aquinas and His Early-Modern Reception”

Matthew Gaetano, Hillsdale College, *Guest Presenter*
“The Incarnation and the Virtue of the Sacraments in Renaissance
Theology”

Rev. Cajetan Cuddy, O.P., Dominican House of Studies, *Guest
Presenter*
“Theological Anthropology: The Foundation for Sacramental and
Moral Theology”

Joshua Brown, Mount St. Mary's University
"Receiving the Heart-Mind of Gratitude and Memory: A Chinese
Theology of Sacramental Sanctification"

4:30 p.m. **Session 6: Panel Discussion on Post-Tridentine Theology**

The previous four speakers, plus:

Rev. Stephen Fields, S.J., Georgetown University

Michael Root, The Catholic University of America

5:30 p.m. **Happy Hour**

6:15 p.m. **Dinner** (*on one's own*)

7:30–10 p.m. **Reception**

THURSDAY, MAY 26

8:45 a.m. **Mass** (*Priory Chapel*)

Principal Celebrant: Rev. Brian Dunkle, S.J., Boston College

9:45 a.m. **Session 7: Four Talks on Contemporary Theology**

Jonathan Ciraulo, Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology
"The Sacramental Principle and Secondary Causality"

Anne Carpenter, Saint Mary's College of California, *Guest Presenter*
"Maurice Blondel and the Literal Practice of Religion"

Irene Alexander, University of Dallas

"When the Morally Right Thing To Do Is Too Difficult: Reflections
on a True 'Pastoral' Approach in John Paul II's *Veritatis
splendor*"

Matthew Ramage, Benedictine College

"Making All Things New: The Eucharist and Creation's
Eschatological Transfiguration"

11:00 a.m.

Session 8: Panel Discussion on Contemporary Theology

The previous four speakers, plus:

Nicholas J. Healy, Jr., John Paul II Institute

Francesca Murphy, University of Notre Dame

12:00 noon

End of Meeting

SPEAKERS' BIOS

Irene Alexander is Associate Professor of Theology at the University of Dallas. Her training is in moral theology, and her specialty is bioethics. She received her PhD at Ave Maria University in 2013. She has published articles in such journals as the *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, *The Linacre Quarterly*, the *Josephinum Journal of Theology*, and *Nova et Vetera*.

Gerald P. Boersma is Associate Professor of Theology at Ave Maria University. He previously was Assistant Professor of Theology at St. Bonaventure University. He received his PhD in Patristics from the University of Durham in 2012, where his dissertation director was Lewis Ayres. In addition to numerous articles, he is the author of *Augustine's Early Theology of Image: A Study in the Development of Pro-Nicene Theology* (Oxford University Press, 2016). He is currently completing his habilitation dissertation under Michael Sherwin, O.P., at the University of Fribourg with the title "*Loving Knowledge*": *Mystical Theology in Thomas Aquinas*.

Joshua R. Brown is Assistant Professor of Theology at Mount St. Mary's University. He received his PhD from the University of Dayton in 2017. His research focuses on developing Catholic systematic theology in light of texts and themes from early Chinese philosophical traditions. He is also interested in Catholic theology written in Chinese from the Ming dynasty to the present. In addition to numerous scholarly articles, he is the author of *Balthasar in Light of Early Confucianism* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2020). With Alexis McLeod, he is the co-author of *Transcendence and Non-Naturalism in Early Chinese Thought* (Bloomsbury, 2020). He has recently completed *Aquinas and the Early Chinese Masters: Foundations for Chinese Catholic Theological Science* (Catholic University of America Press, forthcoming).

Anne Carpenter is Associate Professor at Saint Mary's College of California. She received her PhD in 2012 from Marquette University. In addition to her interest in Maurice Blondel and the theology of tradition, she has explored the intersection between the symbolic worlds of art, especially poetry, and the rigors of philosophy, especially Thomistic metaphysics, through the principal lens of the theology of Hans Urs von Balthasar. In addition to numerous articles, she is the author of *Theo-Poetics: Hans Urs von Balthasar and the Risk of Art and Being* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2015). She has recently completed *Nothing Gained Is Eternal: A Theology of Tradition* (Fortress, 2022).

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Jonathan Martin Ciraulo is Assistant Professor of Theology at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. He received his PhD from University of Notre Dame in 2018. In addition to numerous scholarly articles on a wide variety of topics, he is the author of *The Eucharistic Form of God: Hans Urs von Balthasar's Sacramental Theology* (University of Notre Dame, 2022). He is the translator of Xavier Tilliette's *The Eucharist and Philosophy* (Catholic University of America Press, forthcoming). He has recently completed *Distributed like Bread: Hans Urs von Balthasar Speaks to Seminarians* (IPF Publications, forthcoming).

Rev. Cajetan Cuddy, O.P., is an instructor in Systematic and Moral Theology at the Dominican House of Studies. The author of many scholarly articles, he received his doctorate in February 2022 from the University of Fribourg, with a dissertation directed by Michael Sherwin, O.P., entitled "Divine Instruction for the Moral Life: What the Prologues of the *Summa theologiae* Teach Us about Aquinas's Conception of *Sacra Doctrina*." He serves as the general editor of the "Thomist Tradition Series." With Romanus Cessario, O.P., he is co-author of *Thomas and the Thomists: The Achievement of St. Thomas Aquinas and His Interpreters* (Fortress, 2017).

Rev. Brian P. Dunkle, S.J., is Associate Professor and *Professor Ordinarius* at Boston College. He holds degrees from Harvard, Oxford, Fordham, the Gregorian University, the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, and the University of Notre Dame. He previously taught Classics at Canisius College, and he regularly offers philosophy courses at the St. Joseph Scholasticate in Vietnam. In addition to numerous scholarly articles, he is the author of *Enchantment and Creed in the Hymns of Ambrose of Milan* (Oxford, 2016). He is the translator of Gregory of Nazianzus's *Poems on Scripture* (St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2013) and Ambrose of Milan's *Treatises on Noah and David* (Catholic University of America Press, 2020).

Matthew Gaetano is Associate Professor of History at Hillsdale College. The author of numerous scholarly articles, he is particularly interested in the contributions made by Catholic and Protestant figures in the Renaissance and Early Modern (Post-Tridentine) periods. He received his doctorate in History from the University of Pennsylvania in 2013, with a dissertation entitled "Renaissance Thomism at the University of Padua, 1465–1583." With Jordan Ballor and David Sytsma, he is the co-editor of *Beyond Dordt and De Auxiliis: The Dynamics of Protestant and Catholic Soteriology in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries* (Brill, 2019).

Michael S. Hahn is Assistant Professor in Sacred Scripture and Systematic Theology at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary. He was previously Assistant Professor of Theology at Christendom College. He received his PhD from the University of Notre Dame in 2018 with a dissertation entitled "Augustine in the Teaching of Thomas: Aquinas's Reception and Use of *Contra Faustum Manichaum*," directed by Joseph Wawrykow. He is the author of scholarly articles in such journals as *The Thomist* and *Franciscan Studies*.

Justus H. Hunter is Associate Professor of Church History at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. He completed his PhD in 2015 at Southern Methodist University, where Bruce Marshall directed his dissertation. In addition to numerous scholarly articles on such

topics as John Duns Scotus and Wesleyan theology, he is the author of *If Adam Had Not Sinned: The Reason for the Incarnation from Anselm to Scotus* (Catholic University of America Press, 2020).

Elizabeth Klein is Assistant Professor of Theology at the Augustine Institute. She received her PhD from the University of Notre Dame in 2016. In addition to scholarly articles in such journals as *Studia Patristica* and *Journal of Early Christian Studies*, she is the author of two books: *Augustine's Theology of Angels* (Cambridge University Press, 2018) and *God: What Every Catholic Should Know* (Ignatius Press; Augustine Institute, 2019).

Rev. Reginald Lynch, O.P., is Assistant Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology at the Dominican House of Studies. A Dominican since 2007, he obtained his PhD from the University of Notre Dame in 2020. He is the author of *The Cleansing of the Heart: The Sacraments as Instrumental Causes in the Thomistic Tradition* (Catholic University of America Press, 2017), which received the Charles Cardinal Journet Prize in 2018. He has recently completed *Aquinas's Summa theologiae and Eucharistic Sacrifice in the Early Modern Period* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

James B. Prothro is Assistant Professor of Scripture and Theology at the Augustine Institute. He previously was Assistant Professor of Theology at Ave Maria University. He received his PhD from the University of Cambridge in 2017. He holds degrees in biblical languages, in classical Greek and Latin, and in theology. In addition to numerous articles, he is the author of *Both Judge and Justifier: Biblical Legal Language and the Act of Justifying in Paul* (Mohr Siebeck, 2018) and *The Apostle Paul and His Letters: An Introduction* (Catholic University of America Press, 2021). He has recently completed *A Pauline Theology of Justification: Forgiveness, Friendship, and Life with God* (Cascade Books, forthcoming).

Matthew J. Ramage is Professor of Theology at Benedictine College, where he also serves as the Co-director of the Center for Ecological Stewardship. He received his PhD from Ave Maria University in 2009. He is also Adjunct Professor and concentration chair of Sacred Scripture for the Holy Apostles College and Seminary graduate program. His monographs include *Dark Passages of the Bible: Engaging Scripture with Benedict XVI and Thomas Aquinas* (Catholic University of America Press, 2013); *Jesus, Interpreted: Benedict XVI, Bart Ehrman, and the Historical Truth of the Gospels* (Catholic University of America Press, 2017); *The Experiment of Faith: Pope Benedict XVI on Living the Theological Virtues in a Secular Age* (Catholic University of America Press, 2020); and *From the Dust of the Earth: Benedict XVI, the Bible, and the Theory of Evolution* (Catholic University of America Press, June 2022). For high school students, he authored the textbook *Christ's Church and World Religions* (Sophia Institute Press, 2020).

Sr. Albert Marie Surmanski, O.P., is Associate Professor of Theology at the University of St. Thomas in Houston where she also teaches at St. Mary's Seminary. She previously taught at Ave Maria University. She received her PhD from Ave Maria University in 2014. Her main areas of research include medieval sacramental theology with a focus on Albert the Great and Aquinas, as well as Catholic reception of feminist thought. She has published a translation of Albert the Great's work *On the Body of the Lord* (Catholic University of America Press, 2017) as

well as a translation of Aquinas's *Commentary on the Psalms* for the Aquinas Institute (Emmaus Academic, 2022). She has published articles in various journals including *Logos*, *Antiphon*, *Nova et Vetera*, *Franciscan Studies*, and *Studium*.

NOTES

- Restrooms are located at the end of the hallway. A single unisex bathroom is also available in the lobby of the Academic Center.
- A boxed lunch will be available on Wednesday for those who have requested it when they registered for the conference.
- The Dominican friars invite the Academy to make use of the priory chapel for Mass on Wednesday and Thursday. However, the Dominican friars are unable to host the Academy's members at other times and places.
- In order to give precedence to members of the Academy, guests are discouraged from asking questions or making interventions during sessions.
- Guests are invited to attend the lunch and the evening happy hour and receptions.