



Christ all Merciful by Fr. William McNichols

From the Desk of Fr. Mark Bosco, SJ

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Graduation season is upon us here at Loyola, and as I look back on the past year, I am filled with gratitude for the many programs and events we have hosted at the Hank Center. In all, we organized and sponsored over 24 events - from publication luncheons and colloquia, to major conferences and lecture series. We ended the academic year with our annual Living Tradition Award Banquet, where we honored the life and work of Dr. Adriaan Peperzak, one of Loyola's premiere philosopher-scholars engaged in deepening the conversation with the Catholic intellectual heritage at the university. In his honor, Fr. Garanzini has announced the initiation of an endowment called the "Peperzak Dissertation Fellowships in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition." When all the funding for the endowment has been acquired, three \$25,000 fellowships will be given to doctoral students across the disciplines who will become the next generation of scholars and teachers of this tradition.

As I look forward to the fall, I want to invite you to another year of programs at CCIH. One event will bring together scholars, biographers, poets, and critics to assess the legacy of one of America's greatest poets, Denise Levertov. Her journey toward the Catholic faith led her, in her final decades, to enter the Catholic

Church. Her poetry-whether exploring the beauty of nature, the work of peacemaking, the craft of writing, or the paradoxes of religious faith-continues to have a great impact on many poets today.

And finally, as I hope you have surmised from the icons displayed in our newsletter, we are happy to welcome the iconographer and priest, Bill McNichols, to join us at the beginning of the fall to discuss and contemplate Pope Francis' upcoming encyclical on the environment, due out this June. Fr. Bill, as he is know to many, will present us with his icon of three "patron saints" of the environment-Francis of Assisi, Hildegard of Bingen, and Ignatius of Loyola. The Hank Center is proud to present this icon to Loyola as a way of deepening the spirituality of sustainability and stewardship. See a glimpse of part of the icon below.

All good things,
Mark Bosco, S.J.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONFERENCE

The 2015 Chicago
Catholic Immigrants
Conference: The Poles

An Icon is Being Written for Loyola University Chicago

A couple of years ago Fr. Mark Bosco, SJ had a dream of an Icon of St. Francis and St Ignatius holding up the world. He woke up realizing he needed to make his dream a reality . Thus began the journey and commissioning of an icon which would translate his dream into something for the Hank Center and all of Loyola Chicago to



November 13-14

The Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage (CCH) in collaboration with the Interdisciplinary Polish Studies Program will host the third conference in a series of conferences that focus on the historical, cultural, and religious roles that Roman Catholicism played in sustaining ethnic identity for many immigrant communities of people who came to Chicago in the 19th and 20th centuries.

We would like to invite scholars from the fields of ethnic studies, urban and cultural history, literature and language, theology, and sociology of religion. This conference will also highlight the Polish heritage and traditions with the participation of Chicago artists, students, and Catholic religious leaders.

Please submit your papers to **Bozena Nowicka McLees**

Director of the Interdisciplinary Polish Studies Program, at bmclees@luc.edu

If you have any questions please call 773-508-2864.

Catholic Studies Program Honors Graduates

Diplomas were awarded to the following graduates at last week's festive banquet in recognition of their fulfilling the course and capstone requirements of the Catholic Studies program. Performances and presentations of the

see and hopefully contemplate .

A true Icon is said to appear, like an apparition . My prayer and goal as I paint (write) this Icon is to give the entire community of Loyola and Chicago , something filled with a theology of what we now call Greening or being careful, loving and wise stewards of God's Holy Creation.

Quite naturally then, I was led to add St Hildegard who was formally canonized and made the fourth woman Doctor of the Church in 2012 . Hildegard has a highly creative theology of Green running through her writings and songs , she calls Viriditas. Francis, of course is patron of ecology and Ignatius mysticism flowers with " finding God in all things."

The icon when completed , will be 5ft x 10ft , framed beautifully with a hand carved frame by my friend, master wood worker Roberto Lavadie from Taos, New Mexico. It will contain, altogether, six panels; Fr Mark's vision and additional spiritual and theological insights I gradually began to see during the initial designing process.

I would love to meet you all in September when I come for the celebration surrounding Pope Francis' highly anticipated encyclical on our care of Creation. Until then , I ask for your prayers as I finish the Icon I've named: "Viriditas : Finding God In All Things."

Fr. William Hart McNichols
Albuquerque , New Mexico

Learn more about Fr. McNichols' work

Peperzak Dissertation Fellowship in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition Continuing a legacy of academic excellence

Adriaan Peperzak, PhD, serves on the faculty of Loyola University Chicago as the Arthur J. Schmitt Professor of Philosophy for 25 years. Professor Peperzak's scholarship is widely recognized for its quantity, its quality, and its audacity. In Professor Peperzak's judgment, philosophy cannot really be separated from one's convictions, especially one's convictions of faith. In addition to being a prolific scholar, he is known for his role in the formation of a generation of doctoral students not only of academic accomplishment but also of true character and commitment.



This icon is one of six panels for the Loyola Icon which will be 5ft x 10ft. Here represented is St. Ignatius holding a wood Cross which St Hildegard and the Holy Child bless and Green with their blessings



In order to continue Professor Peperzak's work of expanding the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, Loyola is launching the Peperzak Dissertation Fellowships in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. A \$2 million endowment to support this initiative would provide up to three \$25,000 graduate dissertation fellowships to promising scholars on an annual basis.

Champions of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition have a singular opportunity to make this vision a reality. Those who contribute \$1,000 or more will have that gift matched dollar for dollar by Loyola until the \$1 million fund allocated for matching funds is exhausted.

Upon successfully establishing the \$2 million fund, Peperzak Dissertation Fellowships in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition will be awarded through a competitive process administered by the Joan & Bill Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. Awards will be made to individuals who have demonstrated

capstone projects (listed below) followed a delicious dinner hosted by the Jesuit Community. CCIH congratulates the graduating seniors in the Catholic Studies program.



Jennifer Christopher - "The Gracious Catastrophe: Exploring How One Can Be Formed by Suffering"

Phil Nahlik - "Unmitigated: A Love Letter to the Universe"

Aaron Kinskey - "The Dream of the Rood: The Role of Culture in Conversion"

Bethany Collins - "Sacred Sounds: A Mashup of Theological Music"

Matt Lamb - "Misusing Social Justice as a Means, Not an End"

Justin Hoch - "Managing the Faith: The Catholic Intellectual Tradition in Business"

Zac Davis - "The Long Journey to Meet the Other"

Caley Terry - "Sisters: Short Fiction"

Michael Godinez - "An Active Faith: Living Catholic Studies"

Katie Condon - "Branding the Catholic Studies Minor"

Max Timm - "Equivocation: The Art of Speaking the Truth"

Andy Gonzales - "If They Be Not Truths: Catholic Thought From a Believing Doubter"

Evan Thompson - "What Do You Most Fear?"

superior academic achievement and offer promise as scholars, teachers, and authors that will contribute to the Catholic intellectual tradition.

To make a gift or to learn more, please contact Justin Daffron, S.J., Vice-President for Advancement, at jdaffro@LUC.edu or 312.915.7211, or visit LUC.edu/peperzakfellowships.

2015 conference "this need to dance / this need to kneel"

The Poetry and Poetic Life of Denise Levertov

October 23-24
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Loyola University Chicago
Water Tower Campus
820 N. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, IL 60660

We have lined up an impressive array of plenary speakers, including Levertov biographers Donna Hollenberg and Dana Greene, novelist Mary Gordon, poets Emily Warn and David Shaddock, and critics Albert Gelpi and Anne Dewey. Many of our invited speakers knew Levertov personally, and will speak of their memories of the poet and her continued influence on their work. We have also received paper proposals from scholars world-wide, and are preparing two days of talks discussing Levertov's poetry and faith, her fearless engagement with the political in her work, and her commitment to environmental issues. Additionally, the conference will feature poetry readings by several of our participants and dramatic readings of some of Levertov's poems.

Conference registration will be open in early September, and will include dinner Friday, October 23, lunch Saturday October 24, and a reception after the closing plenary on Saturday.

For more information see <https://catheritage.wordpress.com>
Questions may be addressed to Melissa Bradshaw at tmbradshaw@luc.edu.



His Eminence Cardinal Ravasi Visited Loyola University



His Em. Cardinal Ravasi Receives Honorary Degree from Fr. Garanzini, S.J.

The Hank Center staff was

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pleased to have had the opportunity to meet Gianfranco Cardinal Ravasi when he visited Loyola University Chicago this past spring. During his visit, the Cardinal spoke about the social and religious impact of Catholicism on higher education in the United States, and the impact of American culture and philosophy on the Catholic Church. In addition to these remarks about Catholic higher education in the US, he also spoke about the importance of culture more generally in remarks offered at a colloquium organized by Prof. Miguel Diaz, the John Courtney Murray, SJ University Chair in Public Service at LUC. The colloquium - *The Preferential Option for Culture in Latino/a Theology* - gave the Cardinal, the Loyola community, and the participating scholars an opportunity to think about, and reflect on, the myriad ways in which culture affects and influences our theologies, our thoughts, and our actions.



His Eminence with the colloquium participants

His Em. Cardinal Ravasi's talk available on the CCIH website



CCIH faculty, staff and students with His Em. Cardinal Ravasi. From left to right: Fr. M. Bosco, SJ, Angelo Canta, Dr. Miguel Diaz, His Eminence Cardinal Ravasi, Gabija Steponenaite, John Crowley-Buck, Zac Davis

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About the Center

The Joan and Bill Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage exists to help faculty and students recognize and research Roman Catholic thought and its link to all academic disciplines in the university. It also seeks to convey that thought to other audiences inside and outside Loyola University Chicago.