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# 1. Welcome by Officers of the Association



**Michael Pasquier, 2023 ACHA President** — Louisiana State University

Welcome to the 2024 annual conference of the American Catholic Historical Association! We are so excited to convene this year in San Francisco. This will be the 104th time that our guild has met. Together — as scholars, teachers, archivists, librarians, and students — we celebrate the opportunity to learn from each other and to spend time in fellowship. Thanks to the incredible work of our Program Committee (Thomas Rzeznik, Monica Mercado, and Tim Dulle), we are surely in for a treat as we gather in panels to discuss the latest research in Catholic Studies. We look forward to honoring the accomplishments of our colleagues, spending time with old and new friends, and working to ensure that our association remains steadfast in its commitment to the history of Catholicism. Please join me in thanking everyone who makes our annual meeting a success, with special gratitude to our Executive Director, Charles Strauss, and Associate Director, Allison Isidore. The gifts we bring to our annual meeting are many. What a privilege it is to be a part of something so special. Welcome to San Francisco!



**Charles T. Strauss, ACHA Executive Director** — Mount St. Mary's University

Welcome to San Francisco and the 104th Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association. As we were concluding the conference last year in Philadelphia, several members remarked that it was one of the biggest and busiest ACHA meetings in our history; we thought for sure this year in San Francisco would be a smaller affair. Then the Program Committee got to work. I am happy to report that this meeting is even larger than last year's, with thirty-four sessions, two walking tours, and our usual luncheon, Mass, and social. Thank you to all who participated in planning the 2024 Annual Meeting, specifically Thomas Rzeznik, Program Chair. Tom set high standards and his attention to detail is second to none.

This is the eighth time that the ACHA has convened our annual meeting in San Francisco, but it has been twenty-two years since the last time. In 2002, the ACHA organized eleven panels at the Hilton Union Square with Patrick Carey as Program Chair. The other meetings in San Francisco were held in 1994 (6 panels), 1989 (9 panels), 1983 (6 panels), 1978 (6 panels), 1973 (5 panels), and 1965 (3 panels).

The 46th Annual Meeting in late December 1965 was the Association's first visit to San Francisco. The Second Vatican Council had closed just a few weeks before and the Association's Secretary, Robert Trisco (1929-2023) had served as a *peritus* or theological advisor at the Council. In a summary of the Annual Meeting published in the *Catholic Historical Review*, Trisco shared his observations of the "Council's awareness of the historical dimension of Christianity." "The honesty and frankness concerning the Church's history that were first apparent last year in the Decree on Ecumenism," Trisco argued, "were demonstrated again in both the discussions and the pronouncements of this final session." He referenced, using the titles and translations of that time, the "Declaration on Religious Freedom," the "Declaration on the Church's Attitude toward Non-Christian Religions," and the "Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Contemporary World."

With Monsignor Trisco's passing earlier this year and the ACHA moving forward on a new Global Catholic Studies Network as well as a commemoration of the United States Semiquincentennial (1776-2026), it may be worth revisiting the 1965 Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

The three panels held that year were each co-sponsored sessions: "Ecumenical History" with the American Society of Church History, "Religion in the Building of the West" with the Western History Association, and "The Role of the Church in Changing Latin America" with the American Historical Association. John T. Noonan's, *Contraception: A History of Its Treatment by the Catholic Theologians and Canonists* (Belknap Press, 1965) won the John Gilmary Shea Prize. The Executive Council passed a resolution of concern regarding troubles between the administration and faculty at St. John's University in New York. Finally, John Tracy Ellis delivered a homily at the ACHA mass at St. Boniface Church on "the necessity of maintaining balance in the use of history for apologetical purposes." A comparison of 1965 and our own time certainly affords opportunities for reflection on continuity and change. (*CHR* Vol 52, No 1, April 1966, 86-104).

I hope that as you scroll through these pages and participate in the annual meeting, that you will consider helping us to grow our membership in 2024. It is certainly an exciting time for our Association!

## Executive Secretary-Treasurers / Directors of the Association

2018-present	Charles T. Strauss	Mount St. Mary's University
2011-2018	Rev. R. Bentley Anderson, S.J.	Fordham University
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## 2. Introduction to San Francisco and the 2024 Annual Meeting



**Thomas Rzeznik, Program Chair** — Seton Hall University

Welcome to San Francisco! We are delighted to have you joining us for the 2024 ACHA annual meeting. We appreciate all those who submitted panels and papers, which has made for a remarkably rich and robust program.

As was mentioned in the call for proposals, our West Coast location invites us to examine Catholicism from a different vantage point. As we had hoped, the program includes several panels that focus on California and the American West. They call attention to the importance of place and region in the study of Catholicism, as well as the diverse communities that have contributed to the development of Catholic life here and elsewhere.

One panel of particular importance is the one that addresses the History and Legacy of Indigenous Boarding Schools in the United States, which is scheduled for the conference's opening time slot. This panel will highlight some of the important research that has resulted from the ACHA's "Native Boarding Schools, Historical Research and Catholic Archives" project supported by a grant from the NEH. Those interested in the topic may also wish to attend Friday's panel on Retelling Mission History Through Fire.

Other highlights include a three-part series of panels stretching over the three days of the conference that explores the history of the papacy; several roundtables that focus on recent books or topics of scholarly investigation; an ACHA presidential panel on Catholicism and Environmental History; and a panel on Catholic Studies and community engaged learning.

The conference also gives us an opportunity to venture out and explore San Francisco and its rich Catholic history. To get us going, we are pleased to begin the conference with two excursions on Thursday morning. One will take participants on a walking tour of the city's vibrant North Beach neighborhood, once a center of Italian American life that also nurtured the city's 1960s beatnik subculture. The other will bring visitors to Mission Dolores, part of California's system of colonial missions. For those looking for some nightlife, be sure to check out our special Friday evening off-site panel, Neon Hours, a joint venture with the American Society of Church History.

The conference would not be complete without our association events. Please be sure to join us for the ACHA luncheon on Friday, which will include the annual presidential address and recognition of our annual prize, award, and grant recipients. That evening, all are welcome to the ACHA business meeting to hear reports from association officers and share feedback. The conference will conclude on Saturday with a Mass at Notre Dame des Victoires church, to be followed with our traditional ACHA social at Toy Soldier, a nearby venue.

Much work went into making this conference possible. Please join me in thanking my fellow program committee members — Monica Mercado and Tim Dulle, Jr. — for all their efforts, as well Jeff Burns, Bill Issel, and Kate Moran who assisted with local arrangements. We hope the next three days prove to be intellectually enriching and alive with the strong sense of community that makes membership in the ACHA so rewarding.

*Union Square in San Francisco Photo by en>User:Aude*



## 3. General Information

### Making a Hotel Reservation

The AHA (not the ACHA) reserves rooms for conference participants. If you choose to stay at one of the conference hotels, you should register with the AHA for the conference to receive the discount rate.

You may find more information on the AHA conference hotels here: [www.historians.org/annual-meeting/hotels-and-travel](http://www.historians.org/annual-meeting/hotels-and-travel).

All ACHA panels will be at Hilton Union Square.

#### Hilton San Francisco Union Square

AHA Reservations [HERE](#)

333 O'Farrell St.

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### Meeting Registration

Registration for the 2024 American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting closes on December 17, 2023. The ACHA registration fee is \$25.00. Starting on December 18, a late registration penalty of \$15 will be charged for the ACHA Meeting.

If you are presenting a paper or serving on a panel as a chair, speaker, or commentator, you are required to register for the American Historical Association's (AHA) Annual Meeting. Registration for the AHA meeting is done independently from registration for the ACHA meeting and can be accessed here: [historians.org/annual-meeting](http://historians.org/annual-meeting).

At the time of your ACHA registration, ACHA members may also sign up to attend the ACHA luncheon (\$50.00). This fee is waived for contingent faculty and graduate student ACHA members. There is a \$20.00 charge for the ACHA social this year, co-sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at the University of Southern California.

The ACHA information table will be located at Hilton Union Square, outside the Golden Gate rooms. It will be open the following times: Thursday, January 4, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Friday, January 5, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Saturday, January 6, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

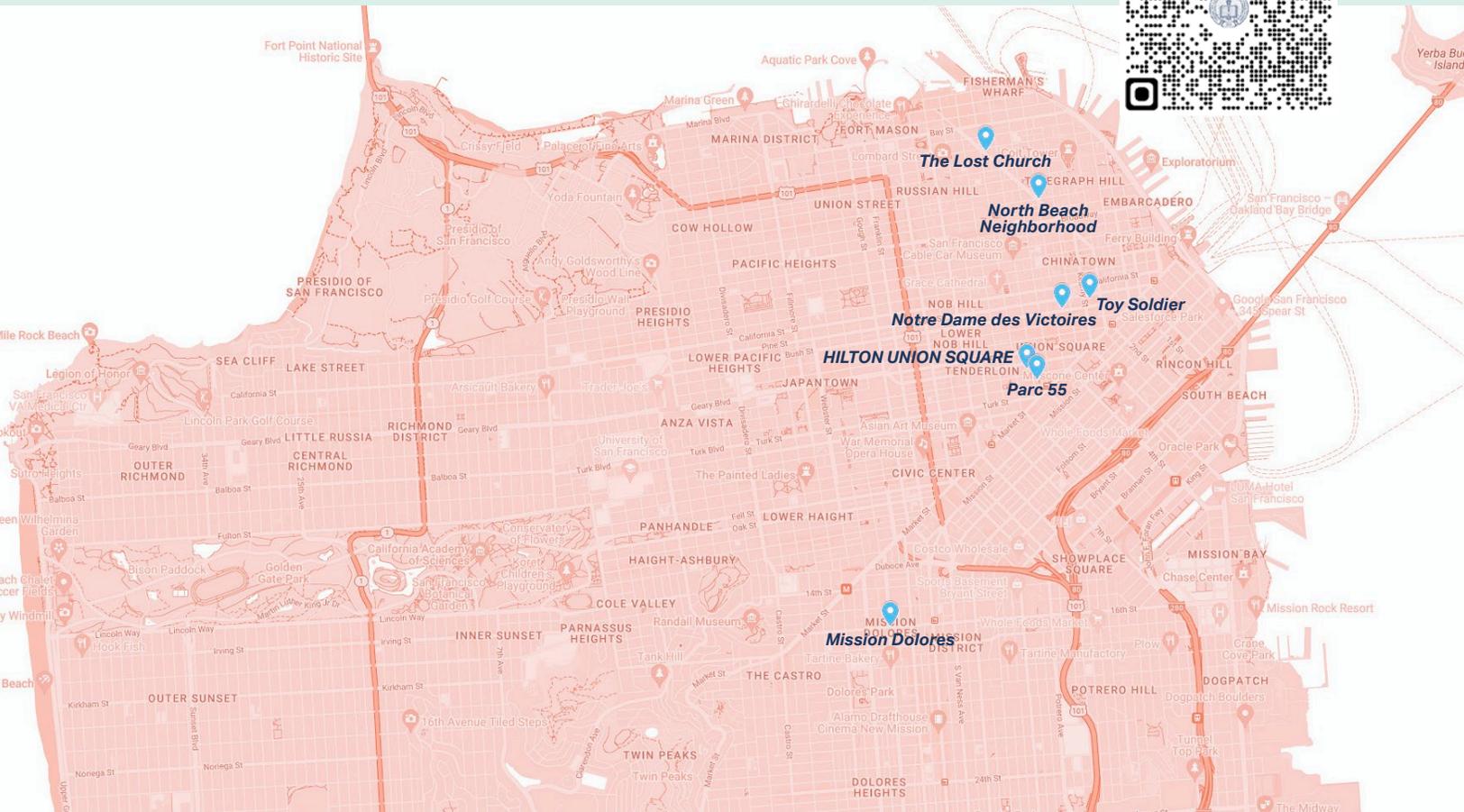
Charles T. Strauss, Executive Director, can be reached throughout the Annual Meeting at 717-549-3119.

### Code of Professional Conduct

As an Affiliate Society of the AHA, the American Catholic Historical Association endorses the following AHA policy:

"The AHA is committed to creating and maintaining a harassment-free environment for all participants in the Association's activities, regardless of their actual or perceived sex, gender, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, race, ethnicity, nationality, ability, socioeconomic status, veteran status, age, or religion. All members and participants, including employers, contractors, vendors, volunteers, and guests, are expected to engage in consensual and respectful behavior and to preserve AHA's standard of professionalism at all times. The policy pertains to all venues where officially sanctioned AHA conferences, meetings, and other activities occur. Details, including procedures for addressing violations of the statement, are posted at [historians.org/conduct](http://historians.org/conduct)."

## Locations and Maps ([Online HERE](#))



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### ***Shortest Route from the Hilton to the Parc 55***

Take the Tower 3 elevators to the garage level. A well-lighted walkway leads to the Mason Street entrance to the Parc 55 across the street. A short flight of stairs and a wheelchair lift lead to the hotel entrance. For ground-level access, follow the "accessible entrance" signs to the parking entrance around the corner.

### ***ACHA Tour 1: San Francisco's North Beach Neighborhood (Thursday)***

### ***ACHA Tour 2: Mission Dolores (Thursday)***

Cost is \$5 and preregistration is required.

### ***The Neon Hours: Catholic Delights after Dark (Friday)***

The Lost Church, 988 Columbus Avenue

### ***ACHA Mass (Saturday)***

Notre Dame des Victoires, 566 Bush Street

### ***ACHA Social (Saturday)***

Toy Soldier, 52 Belden Place

## Transportation

There are no group transportation options at this year's meeting, and so participants are encouraged to explore shared ride options or public transportation.

For additional information — [AHA24 Travel Guide link HERE](#).



*Mission San Francisco de Asis (1776) and Mission Dolores Basilica (1918), San Francisco photo: [Panoramio upload bot](#)*

## Live Tweeting

To facilitate virtual conversations arising from the annual meeting, the AHA encourages attendees to live tweet using #ACHA2024. Participants are encouraged to share their X (Twitter) handles. Speakers presenting material that they do not wish to be live tweeted should make a request to the audience at the beginning of their presentations.



*Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church from Washington Square, San Francisco*

## Funding for Graduate Students, Contingent Faculty, and Scholar/ Teachers without Travel Budgets

Two graduate student ACHA members received \$1500 Presidential Travel Grants. Congratulations to Jacob Saliba, Boston College, and Sadie Sunderland-Rhoads, University College London. Graduate students, contingent faculty, and faculty with little or no travel money provided by their institutions will not be charged for the Friday luncheon.

*Notre Dame des Victoires, San Francisco — photo: Túrelío*

## Business Meeting

All members of the ACHA are invited to the Business Meeting on Friday, January 5 from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM at Plaza B (Lobby, Hilton Union Square). The meeting includes brief officer and committee reports, presentation of the 2024 ACHA budget, old and new ACHA business, and announcements. Documents for the meeting include minutes, the agenda, committee reports, and action items can be read in advance on the ACHA website: [achahistory.org/annual-reports/](http://achahistory.org/annual-reports/). We would be grateful to hear your ideas as we plan our 2025 meeting and brainstorm panel ideas together.



# 4. Program

## THURSDAY 4 JANUARY

### 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

#### **ACHA Tour 1: San Francisco's North Beach Neighborhood**

Walking tour led by Jeffrey Burns, Franciscan School of Theology, and Bill Issel, San Francisco State University

### 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

#### **ACHA Tour 2: Mission Dolores**

Site tour led by docent with reflection by Lisbeth Haas, University of California-Santa Cruz

### 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

#### **ACHA Information Table**

Outside the Golden Gate rooms (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

### 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

#### **ACHA Executive Committee Meeting**

Union Square 13 (Fourth, Hilton Union Square)

*PRESIDER:* Charles Strauss  
American Catholic Historical Association and Mount St. Mary's University

### 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

#### **1. Confronting the History and Legacy of Catholic Indigenous Boarding Schools in the United States, 1870s to the Present**

Union Square 17&18 (Fourth, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR / COMMENT:* Stephanie A. Jacobs, Archdiocese of Washington

#### *PAPERS:*

*The Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions: The View from Philadelphia, 1874–1924*  
Patrick J. Hayes, Archives of the Redemptorist Fathers

*The Catholic Native Schools Project and Saint Patrick's Mission Indian School: The History and Legacy of Catholic Indian Boarding Schools in Oklahoma, 1890s–1960s*  
Bryan Christopher Rindfleisch, Marquette University

*Historians and the Work of Truth and Healing: The Example of Red Cloud Indian School*  
Gabrielle Guillerm, Red Cloud Indian School

#### **2. Motivations and Hindrances in the Evangelization of Black Catholics**

Golden Gate 2 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Ken Homan, Georgetown University

*COMMENT:* Matthew J. Cressler, independent scholar

#### *PAPERS:*

*Plenary Councils and the Evangelization of Black Americans: Priorities and Failures*  
Danny Gustafson, Boston College

*Inculturation, White Supremacy, and Jesuit Work for Racial Justice*  
Ken Homan, Georgetown University

*What Does It Mean to Be Black and Catholic ... and from the Non-Catholic South: Black Catholic Missions in Tennessee, 1900–70*  
Chris Gurley, Stanford University

#### **3. The Missionary Imagination**

Golden Gate 3 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Nicholas Rademacher, University of Dayton

#### *PAPERS:*

*Cloistered Missionaries: Bilocating Nuns and the Missionary Imagination in the Early Modern World*  
Thomas Santa Maria, Yale University

*From Tithing to Taxing: Funding Schools on the Spanish and Mexican Periphery*  
Angus McLeod IV, University of Pennsylvania

*About a Prayer: Roman Catholicism and the "Canard Concerning Cham"*  
Matteo Caponi, Università di Genova



4. **Evaluating the Emerging Catholic Right**

Golden Gate 3 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Craig Johnson,  
University of California, Berkeley

*PAPERS:*

***The New Brazilian Catholic Right:  
Populism and Religion in Latin America***  
Rodrigo Coppe Coldeira,  
Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Minas Gerais

***Is Q Catholic? Analyzing the Catholic Themes  
of the QAnon Conspiracy Theory***  
Eda Uca, Northwestern University

***"Render unto Caesar"? The Freedom Convoy,  
Radical Traditional Catholics, and the Alt-Right in  
Contemporary Canada***  
Robert H. Dennis and Ariana Patey,  
University of Prince Edward Island

5. **Marian Moments**

Golden Gate 2 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Monica Mercado, Colgate University

*PAPERS:*

***Anger, Gender, and the History of Emotions:  
Antisemitism and Marian Devotion in Post-1492  
Spanish Passion Spirituality***  
Jessica Boon, University of North Carolina  
at Chapel Hill

***"Mary Brought Him from Sea to Land":  
The Cult of the Virgin Mary, Miracles, and the  
Landscape in Late Medieval and Reformation  
Wales and the Marches***  
Katharine Kristina Olson, San Jose State University

***The Visual Semiotics of Marian Miracles in  
Renaissance Italy***  
Angelica Modabber, Columbia University

6. **The History of the Papacy, Part 1: The Papacy,  
Theopolitics, and Interfaith Diplomacy**

Golden Gate 6 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Joëlle Rollo Koster, University of Rhode Island

*SPEAKERS:*

Joshua Bennett, University of Oxford  
Adrian Ciani, University of Toronto  
Jan De Volder, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven  
Edward Siecienski, Stockton University  
Eugene Webb, University of Washington, Seattle

7. **The Relevance of Region:  
Diverse Catholic Communities in the  
Western United States since Vatican II**

Union Square 17&18 (Fourth, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* John J. Macias, Cerritos College

*PAPERS:*

***Financing Social Change: The Daughters of Charity  
Foundation and Catholic Efforts to Disrupt Poverty  
in California, 1984–2015***  
Kristine Ashton Gunnell, University of California,  
Los Angeles

***Reimagining Mission: Challenges and New  
Opportunities in the Wake of Vatican II***  
Deborah E. Kanter, Albion College

***Our Lady of La Vang in Silicon Valley:  
Ethnic Solidarity and Community Formation***  
Thien-Huong Ninh, Las Positas College

***Immigration as the Lifeblood of Franciscan Friar  
Communities in the Western US after Vatican II***  
Jack Clark Robinson OFM, Santa Barbara Mission  
Archive and Library



St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
San Francisco, California  
photo — Wikipedia Chris06

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**ACHA Information Table**

Outside the Golden Gate rooms  
(Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

**8. Catholic Studies and  
Community-Engaged Learning**

Golden Gate 2 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Alex Nava, University of Arizona

*PAPERS:*

**Mutuality, Immigration Justice, and Experiments  
with the Fordham–Little Sisters of the Assumption  
Family Health Services Partnership**  
Brenna Moore, Fordham University

**Scholarly Partnerships and Community Restoration:  
A Case Study with St. Augustine Catholic Church,  
a Historic Black Parish in New Orleans**  
Alexia Williams, University of Illinois  
at Urbana-Champaign

**Reflections on Discerning Indigenous Engagement  
at the University of San Francisco**  
Erin Brigham, University of San Francisco

**Mapping “Lo Sagrado”:  
Insights from the Latino History Project of  
Worcester for the Study of US Catholicism**  
Justin Poché, College of the Holy Cross

**9. More Than Calamity: Retelling Catholic  
Mission History through Fire**

Golden Gate 1 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Andrew Walker-Cornetta, Georgia State University

*COMMENT:* Jennifer Graber, University of Texas at Austin

*PAPERS:*

**Fire as Story:  
Theology and Arson at St. Francis Indian School**  
Zara Surratt, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**A Tinderbox on the Colville Reservation:  
Fire and Everyday Disaster at St. Mary’s Mission**  
Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico

**What Part of Sacred Don’t You Understand?  
The Notre Dame Cathedral Fire and  
#CrispyChurchMemes**

Jack Lee Downey, University of Rochester

**10. The Confrontation between Catholicism  
and Capitalism**

Golden Gate 3 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Heath W. Carter,  
Princeton Theological Seminary

*PAPERS:*

**“Our Joan of Arc, Margaret Haley”:  
Religion, Gender, and the Fear of Catholic Power in  
the Loeb Affair, 1915–17**  
Ella Hadacek, University of Notre Dame

**A Menace to Free Labor: Anti-Catholicism,  
the American Protective Association, and  
Working-Class Formation in Gilded Age America**  
James P. Breen, University of Oregon

**Coloniality and Capitalism: The University Labor  
Movement as Confrontation of the Colonial  
Legacy and Capitalist Structures of Education at  
Jesuit Universities**  
Molly Crawford, Fordham University

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

**11. History of San Francisco Catholicism**

Golden Gate 1 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Joseph P. Chinnici,  
Franciscan School of Theology

*PAPERS:*

**Dieu le Vault, the Fight for a Catholic San Francisco,  
1890–1948**  
William Issel, San Francisco State University

**The Church and the Poor in Postwar San Francisco:  
A History of St. Anthony’s Kitchen**  
Barry J. Stenger, independent scholar and  
St. Anthony’s Foundation

**San Francisco Catholicism, 1945–75:  
From Progressive to Radical**  
Jeffrey M. Burns, Academy of American  
Franciscan History

**12. Mascots at Catholic, Jesuit Universities in  
the American West**

Union Square 15&16 (Fourth, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Amanda Baugh, California State University,  
Northridge



*PAPERS:*

***Iggy the Lion***

Patrick A. Polk, University of California, Los Angeles

***Don Francisco***

Daisy Vargas, University of Arizona

***The Billiken***

Rachel M. Lindsey, Saint Louis University

**13. *New Directions in Catholic Intellectual History***

Golden Gate 2 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR / COMMENT:* Brenna Moore, Fordham University

*PAPERS:*

***Richard Henry Wilde, Hesperia, and Southern Catholic Romanticism***

David Roach, Campbellsville University

***The Rise of Catholic Sexology***

Peter Cajka, University of Notre Dame

***Reconceptualizing the Category of the "French Intellectual":***

***The Catholic Dimensions of a French Pillar***

Jacob Saliba, Boston College

**14. *Pope Pius XII and World War II: Roundtable on David Kertzer's The Pope at War***

Golden Gate 3 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Roy Domenico, University of Scranton

*COMMENT:* David Kertzer, Brown University

*SPEAKERS:*

Suzanne Brown-Fleming,  
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Martin R. Menke,  
American Catholic Historical Association

Mark Edward Ruff, Saint Louis University

**2:00 PM - 3:15 PM**

**15. *ACHA Presidential Roundtable: Catholicism and Environmental History***

Golden Gate 2 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University

*SPEAKERS:*

Amanda Baugh, California State University,  
Northridge

Darren T. Dochuk, University of Notre Dame

Brett Grainger, Villanova University

**3:30 PM - 5:00 PM**

**16. *Catholic Arts and Media***

Golden Gate 1 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Tim Dulle, Saint Louis University

*PAPERS:*

***Artist-Activist Sister Karen M. Bocalero and the Emergence of Self Help Graphics for the Latino Community of East Los Angeles***

Rebecca Berrú Davis, St. Catherine University

***"Images Are All Projections of Self":***

***The Story of Justin Green's Catholic Comic***

Christina E. Pasqua, University of Toronto

***#Trads: Memes, Mediatization, and Catholic Traditionalists around the Globe***

Lauren Horn Griffin, Louisiana State University

**17. *Roundtable on American Patroness: Marian Shrines and the Making of US Catholicism***

Golden Gate 2 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Karen Park, St. Norbert College

*SPEAKERS:*

Adrienne Nock Ambrose,  
University of the Incarnate Word

Lloyd Barba, Amherst College

Katherine A. Dugan, Springfield College

Patrick J. Hayes,  
Archives of the Redemptorist Fathers

Karen Park, St. Norbert College

Terry Rey, Temple University

Andrew Walker-Cornetta, Georgia State University

**12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

***ACHA Presidential Luncheon***

Continental Ballroom 5  
(Ballroom, Hilton Union Square)

*PRESIDING OFFICER:* Charles Strauss,  
American Catholic Historical Association and  
Mount St. Mary's University

*SPEAKER:* Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University

**18. *The History of the Papacy, Part 2:  
The Papacy and Church Government***

Golden Gate 3 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Miles Pattenden,  
Australian Catholic University

*SPEAKERS:*

Melodie Harris Eichbauer,  
Florida Gulf Coast University

Louis I. Hamilton,  
New Jersey Institute of Technology

John M. Howe, Texas Tech University

Joëlle Rollo Koster, University of Rhode Island

Nelson H. Minnich, Catholic University of America

**SATURDAY 6 JANUARY**

**8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

***ACHA Information Table***

Outside the Golden Gate rooms  
(Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

**8:30 AM - 10:00 AM**

**20. *Imagining Catholics in the 18th-Century  
British World***

Golden Gate 1 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Ella Hadacek, University of Notre Dame

*PAPERS:*

***Recruitment for Relief:  
Lord Kenmare and Irish Catholic Recruitment  
into the British Army, 1760–80***

Sadie Sunderland-Rhoads,  
University College London

***The Myth and the Imaginary:  
Patterns of Evil in an Early American Prejudice***  
Grant E. Stanton, University of Pennsylvania

**5:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

***ACHA Business Meeting***

Plaza B (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*PRESIDER:* Charles Strauss,  
American Catholic Historical Association and  
Mount St. Mary's University

**7:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

**19. *The Neon Hours:  
Catholic Delights after Dark***

The Lost Church, 988 Columbus Avenue

*SPEAKERS:*

Matthew J. Cressler, independent scholar

Jack Lee Downey, University of Rochester

Joshua Dubler, University of Rochester

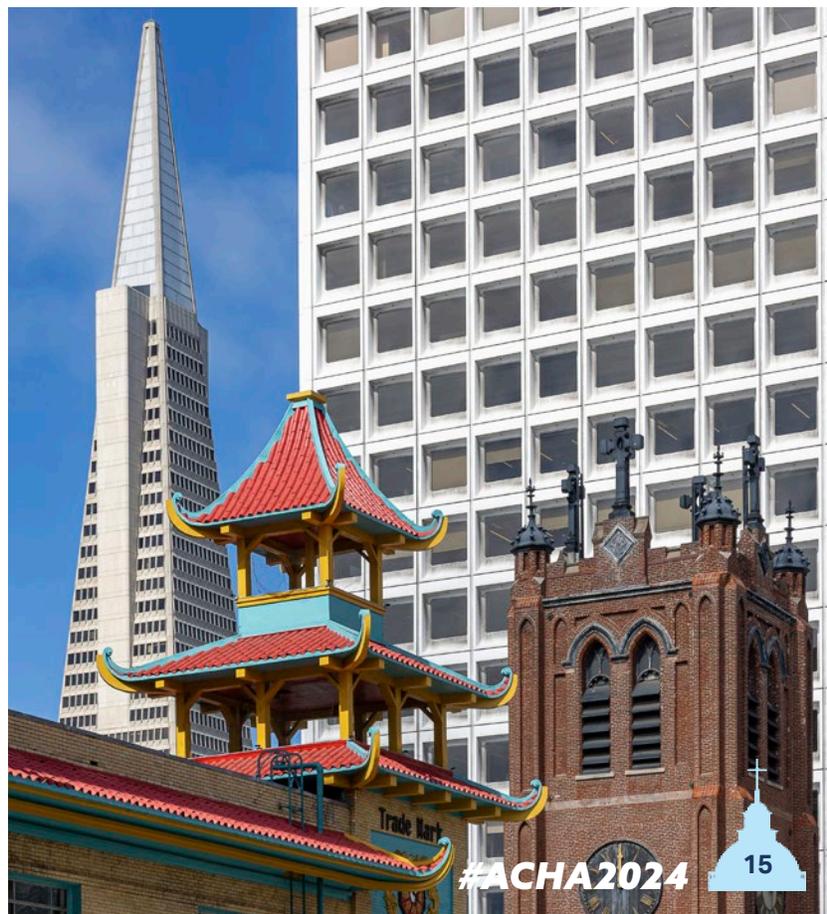
Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico

Kathryn E. Lofton, Yale University

Alyssa Maldonado-Estrada, Kalamazoo College

Brenna Moore, Fordham University

James P. Padilioni, Swarthmore College



**21. Three Stories of Theopolitical Conflict on the World Stage**

Golden Gate 3 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Sandra A. Yocum, University of Dayton

*COMMENT:* Nicholas Rademacher, University of Dayton

*PAPERS:*

***The PPI and the Roman Question: Framing Religious Freedom for Christian Democracy***  
Sr. Laura Coughlin, University of Dayton

***The Complex Relationship between Sun Yat-Sen and Christianity in the Early 20th Century***  
Kathy Stout, University of Dayton

***A Friendship in Distress: Jacques Maritain and Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange — A Heuristic for Today***  
John Morgan, University of Dayton

**22. Varieties of Catholic-Protestant Urban (Inter) Action in the United States, 1798–1895**

Golden Gate 2 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Jeffrey M. Burns, Academy of American Franciscan History

*PAPERS:*

***Friends in High Places: Pro-Irish and Pro-Catholic Sympathies among New York's Metropolitan Elite, 1798–1829***  
Patrick McGrath, University of Melbourne

***A Brooklyn Irish Parish, an Italian Republican Pastor, and a Unitarian Patron, 1859–95***  
James T. Fisher, Fordham University

***US Monastic Environmentalism after Vatican II: Lessons for Historiography***  
Christopher Denny, Saint John's University

**24. Early Modern Mysticism**

Union Square 8 (Fourth, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Kyle B. Roberts, Congregational Library and Archives

*PAPERS:*

***Humanists and Scholastics on the Soul in the Early 16th Century***  
Ralph Keen, University of Illinois at Chicago

***The Obscured Bride-Knight of the Soul: (Re)Illuminating Gender in the Work of Saint John of the Cross***  
George Faithful, Dominican University of California

***Zen and the Cloud of Unknowing: William Johnston and Medieval Carthusian Mysticism in Modern Japan***  
Stephen J. Molvarec, Boston College

**25. Girlhood Studies and US Catholic Histories: A Roundtable Conversation**

Golden Gate 2 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Monica Mercado, Colgate University

*SPEAKERS:*

Jessica Calvanico, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Lisa Rose Lamson, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Monica Mercado, Colgate University

Katherine D. Moran, Saint Louis University

Amy Rosenkrans, Baltimore City Schools

**10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

**23. Catholic Environments and Environmentalism**

Golden Gate 3 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Thomas F. Rzeznik, Seton Hall University

*PAPERS:*

***Reassessing Lynn White's Argument on Christianity and Technology***  
Enrico Beltramini, Notre Dame de Namur University

***Catholic Missions and the Potato Scheme on the Jos and Mambila Plateaus in Northern Nigeria, 1923–55***  
James Akpu, Dublin City University and Uzoamaka Nwachukwu, Indiana University

**26. Global Church, Global Council: Centering Vatican II in the 20th Century**

Union Square 17&18 (Fourth, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Mary Corley Dunn, Saint Louis University

*PAPERS:*

***Furthering a Postcolonial Church: The Impact of Vatican II in South Vietnam***  
Tuan Hoang, Pepperdine University

***Global Vatican II, Psychology, and the Clergy Abuse Crisis***  
Peter Cajka, University of Notre Dame

*"Bombard the Parishes!" Cardinal Joseph Malula, Vatican II, and the Development of the Communautés Ecclesiales Vivantes du Base in the Democratic Republic of the Congo*  
Jay Carney, Creighton University

*Vatican II and Humanae Vitae: Cocreating US Catholic Pro-Life Politics*  
Katherine A. Dugan, Springfield College

*Ecumenical Dreams, Progressive Nightmares: Conservative Latin American Reactions to Vatican II*  
Craig Johnson, University of California, Berkeley

*The Role of Catholic Publishing in the Postconciliar Period in Croatian Transitional Society*  
Maja Petranović, Kršćanska Sadašnjost

*The Catholic Church in Democratic Croatia*  
Slavko Slišković, University of Zagreb

## 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

### 27. *Activist Histories in California Catholicism, 1960s–80s*

Union Square 15&16 (Fourth, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Anthony Burke Smith, University of Dayton

*PAPERS:*

*The Sacramentality of Cesar Chavez: Looking at His Activism through a Postcolonial Lens*  
Jens Mueller, Notre Dame of Maryland University

*Jesus Says, "Power to the People": The Sacred Heart Church Urban Team, 1968–72*  
Sabrina M.S. Harper, Nevada State College

*Between the Vatican and the Castro: Archbishop John Quinn and the Catholic Response to AIDS in 1980s San Francisco*  
Lynne Gerber, independent scholar

## MERGED WITH PANEL 27

### 28. *Body Politics — Merged with Panel 27*

Golden Gate 2 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Kyle B. Roberts, Congregational Library and Archives

*PAPER:*

*The Rhythm of Family Life: 1960s American Catholic Motherhood through the Rhythm Method*  
Emily Smith, Wabash College

## CANCELLED

### 29. *The Catholic Church in Croatian Transitional Society*

Golden Gate 1 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Iva Mršić Felbar, University of Zagreb

*PAPERS:*

*The Catholic Church in Communist Yugoslavia*  
Ana Biočić, University of Zagreb

### 30. *Three Dimensions of the Diocese of Charleston, South Carolina*

Golden Gate 3 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR / COMMENT:* Matthew J. Cressler, independent scholar

*PAPERS:*

*Missives from the Frontiers of Faith: South Carolina's Black and White Catholics on the Margins*  
Suzanne Krebsbach, independent scholar

*The Impact of Catholic Education on Black Students and the State of South Carolina*  
Alison Mc Letchie, South Carolina State University

*Faith to Move Walls: The Sacred Art of Saint Mary of the Annunciation, Charleston, South Carolina*  
Alexander Moore, independent scholar

## 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

### 31. *Catholics in Interwar Europe*

Golden Gate 1 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Jacob Saliba, Boston College

*PAPERS:*

*Faustina Kowalska and the Shifting Contours of Female Religious Life in the Interwar Period*  
Robert E. Alvis, Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology

*Changing Communities: Roman Catholic Cooperation with Social Change in England, 1942–44*  
Joshua Thomas Madrid, University College London

### 32. *New Histories of the North American West*

Union Square 15&16 (Fourth, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Michael Pfeifer, Graduate Center and John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York

*PAPERS:*

*Warriors in the Golden State: California's Role in Developing Irish Republicanism and the Catholic Church, 1860–1930*  
Conor Donnan, University of Maryland, Baltimore County



*Disrupting Place: Hunting, Farming, and Faith at Two Indigenous–Catholic Holy Sites in the North American West, 1810–89*

Melissa Coles, University of Notre Dame

*Transnational Fort Totten: Negotiating Relationships between Indigenous Nations, the Catholic Church, and the American Government*

Darby Ratliff, Saint Louis University

**33. *The History of the Papacy, Part 3: The Papacy, Culture, and Communication***

Golden Gate 3 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Melodie Harris Eichbauer,  
Florida Gulf Coast University

*SPEAKERS:*

Elizabeth M. McCahill, University of Massachusetts  
Boston

Miles Pattenden, Australian Catholic University

Raffaella Perin, Catholic University of the  
Sacred Heart

Bénédicte Sère, University of Paris Nanterre

Arnold Witte, University of Amsterdam

**34. *US Catholics Confront Race***

Golden Gate 2 (Lobby, Hilton Union Square)

*CHAIR:* Justin Poche, College of the Holy Cross

*PAPERS:*

*The Racial Politics of the National Parish in  
1930s Newark*

Maggie Goldberger, Harvard University

*Catholics for Social Change before, during, and  
after "Bloody Sunday"*

Allison Isidore, University of Iowa

**6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

***ACHA Mass***

Notre Dame des Victoires, 566 Bush Street

**7:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

***ACHA Social***

Toy Soldier, 52 Belden Place

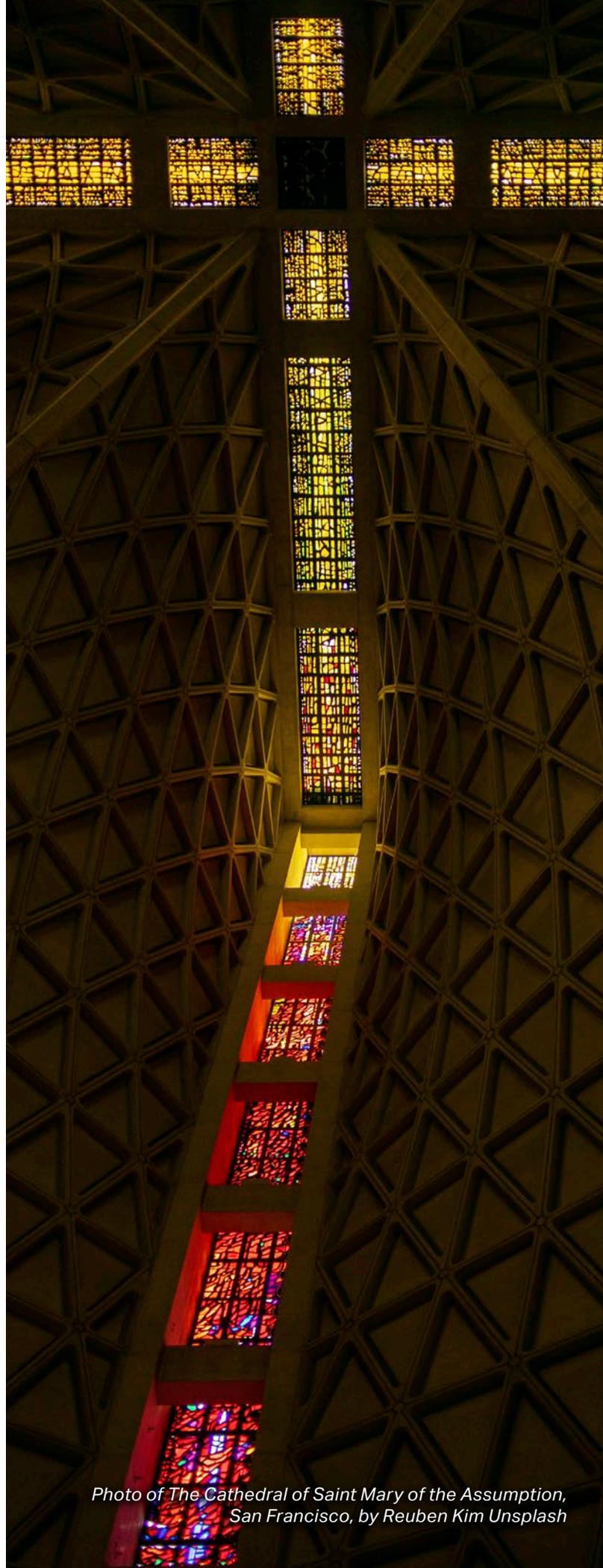


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# 5. Additional Information

## Future Meetings

- 2024 Spring Meeting on “Global Catholicism” via Zoom — April 19
- 2025 New York City — January 3 - 6
- 2025 Spring Meeting, St. Norbert College, De Pere, Wisconsin — TBD
- 2026 Annual Meeting in Chicago — January 8 - 11
- 2027 Annual Meeting in New Orleans — TBD
- 2027 Spring Meeting, to be determined. If you are interested in hosting a Spring Meeting, please contact Charles Strauss at [cstrauss@achahistory.org](mailto:cstrauss@achahistory.org)

## Call for Papers Annual Meeting 2025: New York City

The American Catholic Historical Association invites submissions on any topic relevant to the study of Catholicism for its annual meeting in New York City, January 3-5, 2025. Returning to the city that never sleeps, we take New York’s history as a springboard for exploring how Catholicism has shaped and been shaped by diverse practices, institution building, local and global politics, geographic mobility, and new forms of media.

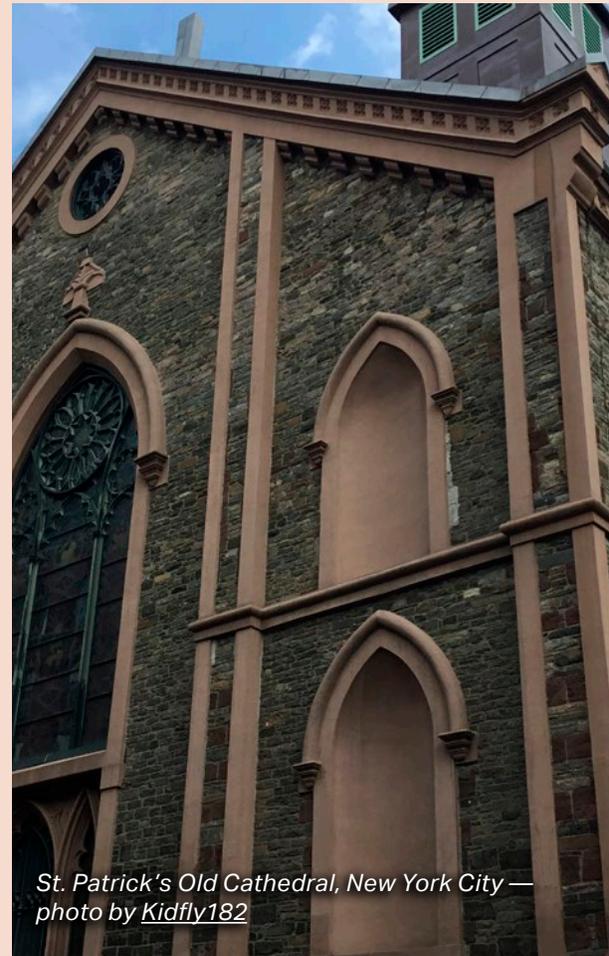
The history of New York’s five boroughs urges us to consider the diversity of Catholic communities and Catholic thought. For the 2025 annual meeting, we especially encourage individual paper and panel submissions that address the following:

- Global Catholicisms and communities traditionally marginalized in the study of Catholic history
- Space, place, and urban Catholicism
- Catholicism and cinema, media, and popular culture
- Protest, dissent, and Catholic politics
- Antiquity, Medieval, and pre-modern Catholicism
- New directions in archives, material culture, and the “tangible things” of Catholic practice

We invite proposals that depart from the traditional paper session format, including roundtables, book discussions, and site visits. Submissions that demonstrate disciplinary and/or methodological diversity — including panels composed of scholars outside the field of history who understand history as relevant to their discipline — are especially welcome. Finally, we strongly encourage panels that include diverse participants and reflect generational diversity, as well as participants in various career paths and of various ranks (including graduate students, contingent faculty, public historians, independent scholars, and those employed outside the traditional academy).

To ensure the broadest possible participation in the ACHA annual meeting, we ask that participants limit themselves to taking a role in any capacity in no more than two proposed sessions during the conference.

The ACHA encourages panelists to submit their proposals for co-sponsorship with the American Historical Association. **This AHA deadline is February 15, 2024. The ACHA will continue to accept paper and panel proposals until March 15, 2024.**



*St. Patrick's Old Cathedral, New York City — photo by [Kidfly182](#)*

## 6. Prizes, Awards, and Grants

### PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR SERVICE TO THE ACHA

Joseph Chinnici, O.F.M., Emeritus, Franciscan School of Theology at the University of San Diego

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### JOHN GILMARY SHEA PRIZE

Jeroen Dewulf, University of California at Berkeley  
***America's First Black Christians***

### HELEN AND HOWARD R. MARRARO PRIZE

Ivano Dal Prete, Yale University  
***On the Edge of Eternity: The Antiquity of the Earth in Medieval and Early Modern Europe***

### JOHN TRACY ELLIS DISSERTATION AWARD

Natalie Gasparowicz, Duke University  
***"Contests Over Contraception in Late 20th Century Mexico"***

### PETER GUILDAY PRIZE

Not awarded in 2024

### THE ROBERT F. TRISCO AND NELSON H. MINNICH PRIZE

Thomas Rzeznik, Seton Hall University and  
Nicholas Rademacher, University of Dayton

### CYPRIAN DAVIS, O.S.B. PRIZE

Danielle Terrazas Williams, University of Leeds  
***"Imagining Catholic Empires:  
Slavery, Freedom, and the Jesuits in Colonial Mexico"***

### SUMMER RESEARCH AND WRITING GRANTS

Jeanne Michelle Datiles, Catholic University of America and  
Jethro A.E.A. Calacday, University of Cambridge

### PRESIDENTIAL TRAVEL GRANT

Jacob Saliba, Boston College  
Sadie Sunderland-Rhoads, University College London

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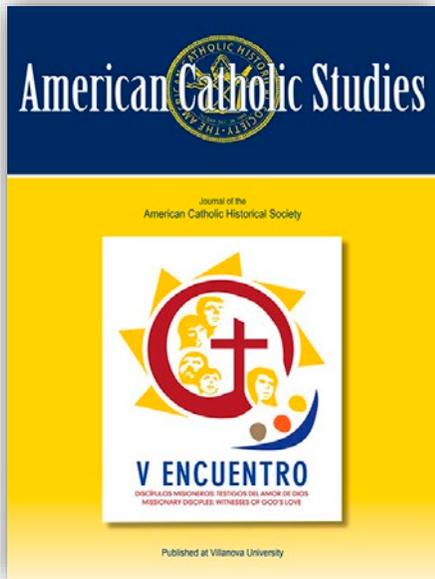
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### SESSION CHANGES

#### Thursday, January 4

- 1:30pm-3:00pm #2 Motivations and Hindrances in the Evangelization of Black Catholics  
Chris Gurley and Matthew Cressler withdrawn from panel;  
comment will be offered by the audience.
- 3:30pm-5:00pm #4 Evaluating the Emerging Catholic Right  
Robert H. Dennis and Ariana Patey withdrawn from panel.
- #6 History of the Papacy, Part I  
Jan de Volder withdrawn from panel.

#### Friday, January 5

- 8:30am-10:00am #8 Catholic Studies and Community-Engaged Learning  
Alexia Williams withdrawn from panel.
- 3:30pm-5:00pm #18 History of the Papacy, Part II  
Joëlle Rollo Koster replaces Miles Pattenden as panel chair.

#### Saturday, January 6

- 10:30am-12:00pm #26 Global Church, Global Council: Centering Vatican II in the 20th Century  
Peter Cajka withdrawn from panel.
- 3:30pm-5:00pm #31 Catholics in Interwar Europe  
Sadie Sunderland-Rhoads added to panel, presenting  
"Recruitment for Relief: Lord Kenmare and Irish Catholic  
Recruitment into the British Army, 1760–80."
- #33 History of the Papacy, Part III  
Miles Pattenden withdrawn from panel, replaced by Joëlle Rollo Koster.

### CANCELLED SESSIONS

#### Saturday, January 6

- 8:30am-10:00am #20 Imagining Catholics in the 18th-Century British World

*NB. There are additional changes to the program since the AHA program was printed this fall, but these changes are reflected in the **AHA app**, as well as in the **ACHA printed program (and online)**.*