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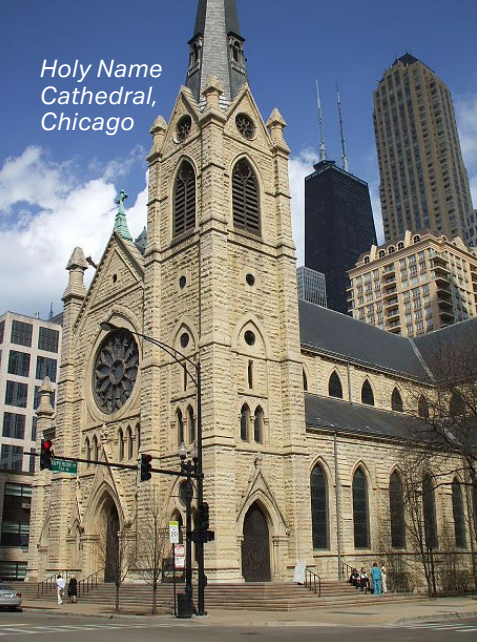


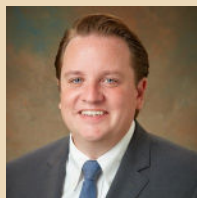
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1. WELCOME BY OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION



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

Welcome to Chicago and the 106th Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association (ACHA).

2026 marks the 17th time the ACHA has participated in the American Historical Association (AHA) conference in Chicago since our founding in 1919. Previous conferences in the city took place in 1938, 1941, 1944, 1950, 1953, 1959, 1962, 1974, 1984, 1986, 1991, 1995, 2000, 2003, 2012, and 2019.

The ACHA's first Chicago meeting was held December 28–30, 1938, at what was then called the Stevens Hotel (which opened in 1927 as the "greatest hotel in the world" and is now the Chicago Hilton). This was the 53rd annual meeting for the AHA and the 19th for the ACHA. During that gathering, AHA President Frederic L. Paxson gave the AHA presidential address, "The Great Demobilization," at the annual AHA Dinner. At the ACHA Presidential Luncheon, Sister M. Celeste Leger, R.S.M., Ph.D., dean of St. Xavier College, delivered a paper entitled "A Proposed Reorganization of History Teaching in the Catholic Colleges of the United States."

Local arrangements for that inaugural Chicago meeting were organized by the President of Loyola University Chicago, Very Rev. Samuel Knox Wilson, SJ, Ph.D. The opening and only ACHA session was chaired by Monsignor Thomas V. Shannon, LL.D, and featured papers by Sister Mary Ambrose, B.V.M. ("The Social and Religious Life of the Gildsman of Toulouse"), Rev. Raphael N. Hamilton, S.J. ("The Significance of the Frontier to The Historian of the Catholic Church in the United States"), and Edward P. Lilly, Ph.D. ("A Major Problem for Catholic American Historians"). Each of these papers was subsequently printed in the *Catholic Historical Review*.

Our meetings have certainly grown since then. This year, thanks to our Program Committee wonderfully led by Tim Dulle, Jr. of The University of Scranton, we have over 30 scholarly sessions and events scheduled.

The ACHA has grown in other ways as well. While the 1938 Business Meeting reported an investment balance of \$5,500, I will share at this year's meeting that our portfolio now stands at nearly \$2.2 million. The generosity of our members has allowed for a robust budget, which permits a wide range of activities led by our volunteer committee members, from the Global Catholic Studies Network initiatives to our Hidden Collections web series.

The ACHA is supported by two subsidized staff members—myself and Allison Isidore of the University of Iowa—and our web administrator, Andy Metzger. I am personally indebted to Allison and Andy, who performed above and beyond the call of duty this past year by stepping up to take on additional responsibilities. I also wish to thank our Executive Council and our many gracious members; I am certain we have the most creative and kind membership of any scholarly association.

I hope you are looking forward to being together in Chicago as much as I am—to get to the bottom of our historical topics, to plan for our future, and to reconnect with friends.

Executive Secretary-Treasurers / Directors of the Association

2018–present	Charles T. Strauss	Mount St. Mary's University
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2. INTRODUCTION TO CHICAGO AND THE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING



Tim Dulle, Jr., ACHA Executive Director — The University of Scranton

Welcome to Chicago for the 2026 Annual Meeting! We are pleased to offer a wide variety of panels and outings this year which are well suited to the storied history of Catholicism in our host city. Chicago has been an important center for our association – we most recently gathered here in 2019, and this year's meeting marks our 17th assembly in The Windy City!

Our Call for Papers invited ACHA members to consider topics related to Chicago history, particularly the many Catholic communities which have called the city home, Chicago's place in regional Catholicism, and the long history of religious activism here. Fittingly, these subjects are well represented across our program. Our program also features programming which will allow us to continue conversations about ACHA staples of recent years – clergy sexual abuse and its coverup, the nuances of assembling and maintaining archival collections, and, of course, nuns.

This year, we made a special effort to include panels dedicated to religion and visual culture. On Thursday, **Nuns on Film** will explore the legacy of women religious on screen, and the complicated cultural work these women have performed over the last century. On Saturday, in **US-China Visions in Transnational Fragments: American Jesuit Filmmaking in Cold War China, 1947–49**, Joseph Ho will screen long-lost footage with an intriguing archival history. Also on Saturday, **Eastern European Catholicism in America: Visual Approaches to Devotion, Diaspora, and Documentation** will showcase the architecture of various Eastern European Catholic groups in Chicago and across the Midwest. Each of these panels highlights thoughtful scholarship complemented by compelling, visually-driven presentations.

Our Lady of Sorrows, Chicago





Saint Joseph, Chicago

There will be two Thursday “Field Trips” this year. Deborah Kanter’s storied “Churches of Pilsen” walking tour will offer participants a chance to study the history of ethnic succession in the neighborhood, where formerly Czech, Croatian, and Polish parishes remain vibrant today as parishes for Mexican Catholics. The Archdiocesan Archives of Chicago has also graciously agreed to host a group of ACHA members for a tour; many of our members have relied on these archives to craft field-defining work for decades now, and those who attend are in for a treat. (Pre-registration is required for both of these events.)

Of course, many of our favorite annual traditions are back for 2026. On Friday, the ACHA Presidential Luncheon will include the presidential address, and recognition of our annual prize, award, and grant winners. Friday night, all members are invited to participate in the organization’s Business Meeting at 5:15pm. This year’s iteration of our annual “Weird Catholicism” event, **Blurred Lines: Catholic Flirtation** takes place at 7:00pm at the Gallery Cabaret (2020 N. Oakley, pre-registration required). On Saturday evening, the annual ACHA Mass is scheduled for 6:30pm at the beautiful Saint James Chapel (835 N. Rush), just a short ride up the Red Line. Our ACHA Social will immediately follow back near the hotel at Half Sour (755 S. Clark).

Our program will look different in two ways. While our Presidential Panel has traditionally been held right after the Luncheon, this year, the ACHA Presidential Roundtable: Catholicism and Disability at the Intersection of History and Practice, will take place at 7:00pm on Thursday, January 8. The roundtable will bring together six experts on the topic to ask “What does it mean to live – and think – with disability and Catholicism together?” Immediately following Friday’s luncheon this year, at 1:45pm, we invite all ACHA, AHA, and ASCH attendees to join us for Pope Leo XIV: Perspectives on the First American Pope, the Contemporary Catholic Church, and the Study of American Catholicism. An all-star panel of prominent commentators has been invited to share their thoughts on “Chicago’s First Pope,” Leo XVI, his election, his relationship to recent ecclesial history (especially the legacy of Pope Francis), and current events related to his papacy. Spread the word and bring a friend or three.

On behalf of this year’s Program Committee, including Michael Pasquier and Kate Dugan, I thank the intrepid staffs of the ACHA and the AHA (especially Jake Purcell), who have made this conference possible. ACHA is, to me, the high point of the academic year, and I look forward to another meeting full of stimulating conversation and community building.

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.

All ACHA panels except for the off-site panel at Gallery Cabaret, 2020 N. Oakley Ave, Chicago, will be at Hilton Chicago (Conference Headquarters), 720 S Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60605, 312-922-4400 or the Palmer House Hilton, 17 E Monroe St, Chicago, IL 60603.

Chicago Hilton

AHA Reservations [HERE](#)

720 S Michigan Ave.

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Meeting Registration

Registration for the 2026 American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting closes on December 20, 2025. The ACHA registration fee is \$40.00. Starting on December 21, 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 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.

Registration fee is \$20 for students and contingent faculty, \$40 for ACHA members, and \$80 for non-ACHA Members. The luncheon fee is \$65. The social is \$25. At the time of your ACHA registration, ACHA members may also sign up to attend the ACHA luncheon (\$65). This fee is waived for contingent faculty and graduate student ACHA members. There is a \$25 charge for the ACHA social this year, which will be held at Half Sour, 755-751 S. Clark Street.

The ACHA information table will be located at Hilton Chicago, on the Fourth Floor, near Conference Room 4D (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor). It will be open the following times: Thursday, January 8, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Friday, January 9, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Saturday, January 10, 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 employees, contractors, vendors, volunteers, and guests, are expected to engage in consensual and respectful behavior and to preserve the AHA's standard of professionalism at all times. The following Code of Professional Conduct pertains to all venues where officially sanctioned AHA conferences, meetings, and other activities occur, whether in person, by telephone, or through electronic communication. It complements, but does not replace the AHA's Statement on Standards of Professional Conduct." Find the entire policy [HERE](#).

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



Hilton Chicago (Conference Headquarters)

720 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60605 | 312-922-4400

Blurred Lines: Catholic Flirtation (Friday at 7:00 PM)

Gallery Cabaret
2020 N. Oakley Avenue

ACHA Liturgy (Saturday at 6:30 PM)

Saint James Chapel
835 N Rush Street

ACHA Social (Saturday from 7:30 to 11:30 PM)

Half Sour
755-751 S. Clark Street

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. Chicago public transit information is linked to [HERE](#).

For additional information — [AHA25 Travel Guide link](#) [HERE](#).

Field Trip: Archdiocese of Chicago Archives Tour

Thursday, January 8, 2026

9:00 AM

Tour will be led by the Archdiocese's director of archives and records, Meg Romero Hall.

\$5.00

Field Trip: Churches of Pilsen Walking Tour

Thursday, January 8, 2026

9:00 AM

Total time from Loop hotel and back: 3 hours

This tour emphasizes the history of ethnic succession in one of Chicago's oldest neighborhoods. Following a quick El ride to 18th Street, Deborah Kanter will guide visitors in a mile-long walk that includes stops at St. Procopius (Czech parish) and St. Pius V (territorial parish)--today vibrant, mostly Mexican parishes. We will also pause outside closed parishes founded by Czechs, Croats, and Poles, and look at Catholic murals, yard shrines etc.

\$5.00



Saint Benedict Catholic Church, Chicago

Social Media

To facilitate virtual conversations arising from the annual meeting, the AHA encourages attendees to live tweet using #ACHA2026. Participants are encouraged to share their Bluesky 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.

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

Two graduate student ACHA members received \$1500 Presidential Travel Grants. They will be recognized at the presidential luncheon.

Business Meeting

All members of the ACHA are invited to the Business Meeting on Friday, January 9 from 5:15 PM – 6:15 PM at Conference 4D on the fourth floor of the Chicago Hilton. The meeting includes brief officer and committee reports, presentation of the 2026 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/. We would be grateful to hear your ideas as we plan our 2027 meeting and brainstorm panel ideas together.



Saint Barbara, Chicago

4. PROGRAM

THURSDAY 8 JANUARY

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

ACHA Information Table

Fourth Floor, near Conference Room 4D
(Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor))

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

ACHA Executive Committee Meeting

McCormick Boardroom (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

1 New Approaches to Mexico's Cristero War, One Hundred Years Later

Salon 3 (Palmer House Hilton, Third Floor)

CHAIR: Ricardo Alvarez-Pimentel, Baylor University

PAPERS:

The Anti-Cristero Politics of Mexican Catholic Action, 1930–45

Ricardo Alvarez-Pimentel, Baylor University

Mythmaking and the Memory of the Cristero War in Mexican Print Culture, 1952–68

Victoria Basulto, University of Notre Dame

"Poor Mejicans": The Cristiada in European Catholic Politics

Ethan Besser Fredrick, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

The Mexican Klan Unmasked: A History of the Ku Klux Klan in Mexico, 1923–29

John Catton, University of Texas at Austin

Echoes of the Cristero War in Cold War and 21st-Century Mexico

Luis Herrán Ávila, University of New Mexico.

2 Exploring the Intellectual Histories of 19th- and 20th-Century American Catholic Laywomen

Conference Room 4C (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

CHAIR: Mary J. Henold, Roanoke College

PAPERS:

The Aesthetics of "Catholic Sentiment": Anna Peyre Dinnies and the Romantic Impulse in 19th-Century American Catholicism

David Roach, Campbellsville University

Between Two Orthodoxies: The Intellectual Conversion of Dorothy Day

K. T. Brizek, University of Illinois Chicago

Ann Harrigan's Devotional Life and Commitment to Racial Justice Activism

Nicholas Rademacher, University of Dayton

3 European Catholicism Across the Modern Period

Conference Room 4D (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

CHAIR: Peter Cajka, University of Notre Dame

PAPERS:

Catholicism and the Social Question in Interwar France: The Case of Alexandre Kojève and Gaston Fessard SJ

Jacob Saliba, Boston College

The Apostolic Camera, the Roman Campagna, and the Cricket Infestation of 1655

Kathleen Manning, Loyola University Chicago

Carving a Path to Rome: The Catholic Conversion of British Ski Pioneer Sir Arnold Lunn, 1888–1974

Margaret Sutton, University of Notre Dame

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

4 Mexican American Catholics in Texas Before and After Vatican II

Conference Room 4A (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

CHAIR: Deborah E. Kanter, independent scholar

PAPERS:

Tejano Catholic Communities Before Vatican II

Deborah E. Kanter, independent scholar

A Chicano Response to Vatican II: Patrick F. Flores and His Ministry of Liberation

Gabriela Perez, University of California, Los Angeles

The Mexican American Cultural Center in 1972–87: Virgilio Elizondo and Reception of Vatican II in the United States

Amirah Orozco, University of Notre Dame)

5 Catholicism and Human Rights

Conference Room 4C (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

CHAIR: Mary Kate Holman, Fairfield University

PAPERS:

From Homosexual "Sinner" to "Who Am I to Judge?" The Changing Conversation on LGBTQ+ People in the Catholic Church

Lucas S. Sharma SJ, University of California, San Diego

Race, Religion, and Migration in 20th-Century Ferguson, Missouri

Carlos Ruiz Martinez, University of Iowa

6 Structures of Power in Black Catholicism

Conference Room 4D (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

CHAIR: Joseph S. Flipper, University of Dayton

PAPERS:

"The Archdiocese Is Pulling Out of the Black Community": Responses to Catholic School Closings in Chicago in the 1970s

Kevin Ryan, D'Youville University

Building a Church: Augustus Tolton and Saint Monica's Parish in Chicago

Emilie Gagnet Leumas, EGL Consultants

Clericalism as Social Good: Religious and Racial Hierarchy in the Jim Crow South

John C. Seitz, Fordham University

7 Nuns on Film

PDR 2 (Hilton Chicago, Third Floor)

CHAIR: Mary Dunn, Saint Louis University

PAPERS:

New Habits: The Changing Portrayal of Nuns in American Film in the 1960s

Maggie Goldberger, University of Chicago

The Nun Who Flew So American Catholics Could Soar

Lauren Tassone, Harvard University

From Hero Priest to Hero Nun: The Catholic Church as Villain in The First Omen and Post-Dobbs Horror

Allison Isidore, University of Iowa

Reproducing Anti-Catholicism: The "Pregnant Nun Horror Movie" in American Film

Margaret Hamm, Harvard University

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

ACHA Presidential Roundtable: Catholicism and Disability at the Intersection of History and Practice

Williford A (Hilton Chicago, Third Floor)

CHAIR: Mary Dunn, Saint Louis University

PAPERS:

Charleen Katra, National Catholic Partnership on Disability

Fr. Joe Mulcrone, Archdiocese of Chicago

Leah Parker, University of Southern Mississippi

Joe Quane, Special Religious Development, Archdiocese of Chicago

Andrew Walker-Cornetta, Georgia State University

Saint Benedict, Chicago



8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

ACHA Information Table

Fourth Floor, near Conference Room 4D (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

8 Freedom and Constraint: Catholicism in 20th-Century American Higher Education

Conference Room 4C (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

CHAIR: Peter Thuesen, Indiana University Indianapolis

PAPERS:

"God's Litigator": William Bentley Ball, Religious Formation, and the Making of a First Amendment Lawyer

Dennis Wieboldt III, University of Notre Dame

Adventure, Danger, Romance: Imagining Catholic Higher Education in Mid-20th-Century America

Sandra A. Yocum, University of Dayton

Cardinal Cushing and the Rise of Ecumenical Catholicism at Harvard

Peter Thuesen, Indiana University Indianapolis

"To Serve Society in All Its Parts": St. Louis, Notre Dame, and the Public Role of the Catholic University in the Modern World

Anthony Oleck, University of Notre Dame

9 Catholic Negotiations in the 16th Century

Conference Room 4D (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

CHAIR: Ralph Keen, University of Illinois Chicago

PAPERS:

Teresa of Avila's Strategy: Selective Obedience and Self-Deprecating Language

Pablo Gomis, Boston College

Sufficiently Strange Beasts: André Thevet's Catholic Comprehension of Neotropical Animals

Sean Thomas Kane, Binghamton University, State University of New York

Christian Filial Piety and Its Global Impact in Korean Catholic Martyrdom

Mideum Hong, Georgetown University

10 Miraculous Migrations and Spirited Sites: Exploring Spaces, Places, and Paths of Healing

PDR 2 (Hilton Chicago, Third Floor)

CHAIR: Carlos Ruiz Martinez, University of Iowa

PAPERS:

"Aquí Hay Velas, Hay Santos, y Hay Medical Stuff": Nuyorican Art and Healing with Pepón Osorio

Alyssa Maldonado-Estrada, Kalamazoo College

The Restoration of Diasporic Memory: On San Martín de Porres, Vodou's Cemetery Sentinel

James P. Padilioni Jr., Swarthmore College

A Biography of 20th-Century Curanderismo and Catholic Border-Crossing

Daisy Vargas, University of Arizona

Casa and Casita: Household Devotion for the Guatemalan Folk Saint San Simón in Los Angeles

Patrick A. Polk, University of California, Los Angeles

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

11 Midwest Is Best: American Catholicism in Regional Studies

Conference Room 4A (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

CHAIR: Alex Gruber, Fordham University

Isaiah Ellis, Southern Methodist University

Ken Homan SJ, Saint Louis University

Darby Ratliff, Missouri Historical Society

12 Priests Abroad: Clerics and Culture Across Time and Space

Conference Room 4C (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

CHAIR: John C. Seitz, Fordham University

PAPERS:

Churches as Intelligence Networks? An American Priest's Work with Intelligence Agencies in China During World War II

Thomas Seat, Seton Hall University

French Missionaries and the Enslaved People Who Served Them in 18th-Century Louisiana

Thomas Croisez, European University Institute

Beyond Boundaries: Western Catholic Missionaries, the Bhadrakok, and Socio-Religious Transformations in Colonial Bengal, 1853–1947

S. M. Tanveer Ahmed, Washington State University

**13 Sex, Secret Societies, and Patriarchy:
A Catholic History**

Conference Room 4D (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

CHAIR: Katherine A. Dugan, Springfield College

PAPERS:

Debating "the Inquisition": Catholic Women's Fraternal Orders, Secret Ritual, and Hazing in the 1920s

Mary J. Henold, Roanoke College

Into the Spotlight: Barbara Blaine and Chicago's Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests

Brian Clites, Case Western Reserve University

Toeing the Line? Second Wave Feminist Theologians Navigating Ecclesial Authority

Mary Kate Holman, Fairfield University

The Feminism(s) of Natural Family Planning

Katherine A. Dugan, Springfield College

12:00 PM – 1:45 PM

ACHA Presidential Luncheon

Waldorf Room (Hilton Chicago, Third Floor)

1:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Pope Leo XIV: Perspectives on the First American Pope, the Contemporary Catholic Church, and the Study of American Catholicism

Williford A (Hilton Chicago, Third Floor)

CHAIR: Tim Dulle Jr., University of Scranton

PAPERS:

Panel Discussion

Colleen Dulle, America Media

Panel Discussion

Brian Flanagan, Loyola University Chicago

Panel Discussion

Kathleen Sprows Cummings, University of Notre Dame

Panel Discussion

Miguel H. Diaz, Loyola University Chicago

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

14 Displacement and Dislocation in Mexican-American Ethno-Catholic Spaces in Urban Communities

Hancock Parlor (Palmer House Hilton, Sixth Floor)

CHAIR: Selena Aleman, Catholic Archives of Texas

PAPERS:

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe's Divided City

Selena Aleman, Catholic Archives of Texas

In the Shadow of Christ the King: The Smeltertown Community

Rachel Smith, Diocese of Austin

COMMENT: Maggie Elmore, Baylor University

15 From Sickrooms to Battlefields: Modern Catholic Approaches to Health, Science, and Dying

Conference Room 4C (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

CHAIR: Richard Todd Yoder, Penn State University

PAPERS:

Catholic Soldiers and the Good Death: A New Perspective on the American Civil War

William Cossen, Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology

Healers of Bodies, Caretakers of Souls: Nursing and Pastoral Work of the Little Sisters of the Assumption in Late 19th-Century Paris

Gabrielle Bibeau, Fordham University

Sister, Scientist, Teacher: Institutum Divi Thomae's Female Network of Catholic Researchers

Reba Drey Luiken, University of Wisconsin-Madison

COMMENT: Richard Todd Yoder, Penn State University



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16 Catholic Sisters and the State

Conference Room 4D (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

CHAIR: Allison Isidore, University of Iowa

PAPERS:

"The Revolution Has Really Come": The Sisters of Mercy in Sicuani, Peru, in the 1960s
Mary Beth Fraser Connolly, Purdue University Northwest

Sister-Signers in the Wilderness: How Two Nuns Defied Their Order on Abortion and Redefined the Role of Public Vows in Social Activism
Lauren Barbato, University of Delaware

Carceral Habits: The Role of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd in State Building and Girls' Incarceration in the Western United States
Hennessey Star, University of New Mexico

17 A Geography of Modern Clergy Abuse: Confessionals, Cities, and the Country

PDR 2 (Hilton Chicago, Third Floor)

CHAIR: Peter Cajka, University of Notre Dame

PAPERS:

Father Louis Miller, Archbishop Thomas McDonough, and the Country Church Strategy, 1972–76
Peter Cajka, University of Notre Dame

Racial Geographies of Abuse in the Black (Catholic) Metropolis
Matthew J. Cressler, independent scholar

Rural Space and the Topography of Clerical Abuse in the US Southwest
Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico

Confessors Confessing
Terence McKiernan, BishopAccountability.org

Producing Margins: Redlining, Displacement, and Abuse in Roxbury
Susan Reynolds, Emory University

5:15 PM – 6:15 PM

Business Meeting

Conference Room 4D (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

7:00 PM

Blurred Lines: Catholic Flirtation

Gallery Cabaret, 2020 N. Oakley Avenue

SATURDAY 10 JANUARY

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

ACHA Information Table

Fourth Floor, near Conference Room 4D (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

18 Horse Cultures, Catholic Missionaries, and Settler Colonialism in the Indigenous Northwest

Conference Room 4A (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

CHAIR: Matthew Beil, University of Kansas

PAPERS:

The Relationship Between Oblate Missionaries, Indigenous Communities, and Horses in the 19th-Century Northwest
Melissa Coles, University of Notre Dame

"Ride a Man's Saddle": Nuns, Horses, and Indigenous Horse Culture in Montana
Danae Jacobson, Colby College

"When I Was Old Enough ... He Taught Me to Ride": Lakḥóta Boys' Ponies and the Priests Who Took Them
Zara Surratt, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

19 Catholics and Their Nations During the World Wars

Conference Room 4C (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

CHAIR: Jeanne D. Petit, Hope College

PAPERS:

Conflicted Loyalties: British Catholic Relations with Continental Catholicism During World War II
Joshua Thomas Madrid, University College London

Resisting Supporter of the War: The Catholic Church in Colonized Korea
Jooyoung Hong, Duke University

The Challenge of Unity: The National Catholic Community Service and the USO During World War II
Jeanne D. Petit, Hope College

20 Medieval Catholicism from Europe to Asia

Conference Room 4D (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

CHAIR: Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University

PAPERS:

Motus Misericordia: Fabrication of Merciful Rulership in Carolingian Rulers Before Charlemagne

Wei-Ting Chen, University of Kentucky

Beyond Polo: Catholic Friars in 14th-Century Asia

Matteo Salonia, University of Nottingham
Ningbo China

21 Broadening the Scholarly Paradigm: Documenting, Preserving, and Creating a Framework for Chicago History

PDR 2 (Hilton Chicago, Third Floor)

CHAIR: Malachy McCarthy, Archival Resources for Catholic Collections

PAPERS:

Panel Discussion

Holly Fiedler, Chicago Collaborative Archive Center

Panel Discussion

Ellen Keith, Chicago Collections Consortium

Panel Discussion

Ellen Skerrett, independent scholar

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

22 Catholics at Prayer: Global Devotion in the 20th Century

Conference Room 4A (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

CHAIR: Katherine A. Dugan, Springfield College

PAPERS:

The Divine Mercy Devotion and Polish National Identity

Robert Alvis, Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology

Brother Columba O'Neill CSC: The "Miracle Man of Notre Dame"

Richard Gribble, University of Notre Dame

Polarization and the Implementation of Liturgical Reform After Vatican II in the United States and the Global South

Audra Dugandzic, Saint Mary's Seminary and University

23 Making and Debating the Catholic New Deal Order, 1930s–70s

Conference Room 4C (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

CHAIR: Mary Beth Fraser Connolly, Purdue University Northwest

PAPERS:

Rt. Rev. New Dealer Reconsidered: Msgr. John A. Ryan and Catholicization of New Deal Liberalism

Colin Wood, University of Chicago

*Whose Magisterium? The American Catholic Debate over Pope Pius XII's *Ci Riesce* and Church-State Doctrine*

Joshua Sander, University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa

Catholic Identity and Faculty Unions at Saint John's University After Vatican II

Christopher Denny, Saint John's University

24 Lessons Learned: Indigenous Communities, the Catholic Church, and Education Past and Present

Conference Room 4D (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

CHAIR: Katie Ward, Michigan State University

PAPERS:

An Inquiry into Notre Dame's History with Native Peoples: Findings, Lessons, and Futures

Zada Ballew, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Mékdéwkonyéyek Nwithmikchiwiegnanek (They Worked with Us): Bodéwadmik–Jesuit Relations in Kansas

Matthew Beil, University of Kansas

"She Succeeded So Well": Storying Schools and Students in a 20th-Century Citizenship Debate

Zara Surratt, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Illiberal Arts: Indigenous Communities and Catholic Higher Education

Alex Gruber, Fordham University

COMMENT: Jennifer Graber, University of Texas at Austin

25 US-China Visions in Transnational Fragments: American Jesuit Filmmaking in Cold War China, 1947–49

PDR 2 (Hilton Chicago, Third Floor)

Chair: Tim Dulle Jr., University of Scranton

Papers:

Panel Discussion

Joseph Ho, Albion College

COMMENT: Rachel M. Lindsey, Saint Louis University

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

26 Catholics and Politics in the 20th Century

Conference Room 4A (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

CHAIR: Gabrielle Bibeau, Fordham University

PAPERS:

*Making Sense of Catholic Postliberalism:
A 20th-Century Redux?*

John Morgan, University of Dayton

The Defeat of Catholic Ostpolitik

Jason Surmiller, Dallas College

*Specialized Catholic Action in the United States:
The Case of the Young Christian Workers
Movement*

Jens Mueller, University of Dayton

27 Afro-Latinx and Indigenous Responses to and Transformations of Catholicism in Colonial Latin America

Conference Room 4C (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

CHAIR: Darby Ratliff, Missouri Historical Society

PAPERS:

*Afro-Peruvian Catholicism(s): Envisioning
World Christianity in the Black Andean Atlantic*
Sierra Lawson, University of Wyoming

*Miracles Through Native Eyes: Indigenous
Witnesses to Colonial Sainthood and the Politics
of Hagiographic Silence*

Eduardo Ángel Cruz, Katholieke Universiteit
Leuven

*Seeking Shelter at the Geographic Ends of
Christianity: The 1726 Criminal Case of Andrés
Valentín in the Chiloé Archipelago*

Javier Etchegaray, University of Wyoming

28 Catholicism and American Empire

Conference Room 4D (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

CHAIR: Kathleen Sprows Cummings, University
of Notre Dame

Papers:

*Simon Pokagon, the Theologian: God-Talk on
the White City's Margins*

Colin Crawford, University of Notre Dame

*Middle Managers: Priests, Politics, and American
Diplomacy in the 20th Century*

Nicholas Dawes, University of Notre Dame

*A Potent Mixture: American Catholic Relief
Agencies and the Formation of the Cold War West*
Joshua McMullen, Regent University

Saint John Catholic Church,
Chicago



29 Eastern European Catholicism in America: Visual Approaches to Devotion, Diaspora, and Documentation

PDR 2 (Hilton Chicago, Third Floor)

CHAIR: Alyssa Maldonado-Estrada, Kalamazoo
College

PAPERS:

*American Immigration Politics in the Murals of
Early 20th-Century Croatian National Parishes*
Heidi Cook, Truman State University

Polish Church Architecture in Chicago
Victoria Granacki, Polish Museum of America

*The Slavic Church System: The Architecture and
Political Economy of Slavic Churches in Industrial
America*

Gavin Moulton, University of Notre Dame

*Architectural Diplomacy: The Political Mission
of Lithuanian Architecture in Post-World War II
America*

Vaidas Petrulis, Kaunas University of Technology

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

30 Shaping Catholic Identity in the American West

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CHAIR: Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico

PAPERS:

*Missions of Ink and Lore: History, Language,
Westward Expansion, Acceptance, and Erasure
in John Dawson Gilmary Shea's History of the
Catholic Missions Among the Indian Tribes of the
United States, 1529–1854*

Philip Alexander Chivilly, Baylor University

*A New Ireland in the West: Fr. Eugene McNamara's
California Colony and Irish Catholic Visions for the
American West*

Conor Donnan, University of Maryland,
Baltimore County

31 *A Michigan–Native American–Catholic Collection: Issues for the Archives*

Conference Room 4C (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

CHAIR: Jean McManus, University of Notre Dame

PAPERS:

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Jennifer Brcka, University of Notre Dame

Panel Discussion

Tyler Davis, University of Notre Dame

Panel Discussion

Jason Kauffman, University of Notre Dame

Panel Discussion

Tara Kenjockety, University of Notre Dame

Panel Discussion

Patrick Milhoan, University of Notre Dame

32 *Catholics in the Second City*

Conference Room 4C (Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor)

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

PAPERS:

The Church and Municipal Dictatorships: The Catholic Church's Relationships with the Municipal Political Machine
Ramon Luzarraga, Saint Martin's University

A Chicago Story: The Windy City's First Native Archbishop
Michael Heinlein, Our Sunday Visitor

The Vatican's Pivot to American Catholicism: Language, Diplomacy, and Mythmaking in Chicago, 1893–1926
Maxwell Pingeon, Sierra College

SUNDAY 11 JANUARY

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Environmental Histories of Catholicism and Colonialism

Salon C5 (Hilton Chicago, Lower Level)

CHAIR: Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University

PAPERS:

Catholicism and Contested Geographies in the 16th-Century Andes
Anne Marie Creighton, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Airs, Waters, and Places in the Early Modern World: The Legacy of Hippocratic–Galenic Approaches to Environment and Climate for Jesuit Missionaries in Northwestern Colonial Mexico
Piper Milton, University of California, Santa Cruz

Creolizing Cultivation: Missionary Estates and Plantation Agriculture in the 18th-Century French Indian Ocean World
Nathan Elliot Marvin, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

The Gospel of the Gum Tree: Catholic Missionaries and Environmental Improvement in French Algeria
Jackson R. Perry, United States Naval Academy

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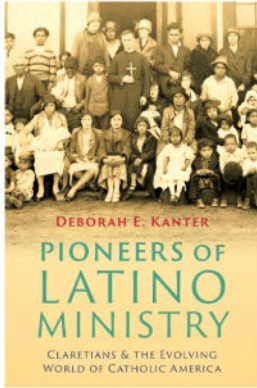
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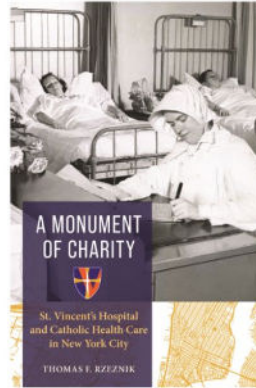


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