



**SOCIETY OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL SCIENTISTS**  
**23rd Annual National Meeting-Conference**  
**October 23–24, 2015**  
**Franciscan University of Steubenville**  
**Steubenville, Ohio**

**Friday, October 23**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Registration and Check-in (continues through the day)—St. Joseph Center  
foyer (outside of Seminar Room)**

**11:00 a.m.–Noon**

*Catholic Social Science Review* Editorial Board Meeting (Conference Room—  
just inside main entrance, to the right) (Editorial Board members only)

**12:50–1:00 p.m.**

**Opening prayer and welcome (Seminar Room)**

**1:00–2:30 p.m.**

**1. Panel/session on: “Issues in Catholic Social Thought” (Seminar Room)**

“The New Politics of the American Public Orthodoxy”—Kenneth L. Grasso,  
Texas State University

“In Resisting the ‘Dictatorship of Relativism,’ Are We Resisting Democra-  
cy?”—Gary D. Glenn, University of Northern Illinois, emeritus

“The Original Meaning of ‘Social Justice’ in Catholic Natural Law: Rosmini,  
Taparelli, and Leo XIII”—Robert Kraynak, Colgate University

Panel chairman—Kenneth L. Grasso, Texas State University

**2. Panel on: “Mission and Encounter: Fusing Catholic Missiology and the  
Social Sciences for Short-Term Mission Trip Preparation” (Totino Room)**

Panelists:

Karen Wood, Benedictine College (panel chairman)

Matthew Muller, Benedictine College

Jeremy Sienkiewicz, Benedictine College

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### **3. Session on: Philosophical and Ethical Principles Shaping Economics (Conference Room)**

“The Metaphysics Behind Ayn Rand’s Market Views”—John Larrivee, Mount St. Mary’s University

“Business Ethics and Catholic Social Teaching: Toward a Defensible View of Social Responsibility”—David F. Dieteman, Penn State Erie, The Behrend College

Moderator—Alex Binder, Franklin & Marshall College

### **4. Session on: The Problem of Freedom (Room 144)**

“Morality and Freedom”—Carmine Gorga, Somist Institute

“The Futile Life: Pursuing True Happiness in a World without Truth”—Clifford L. Staples, University of North Dakota

Moderator—Michael Scaperlanda, University of Oklahoma College of Law

### **3:00–4:30 p.m.**

### **1. Session on: Political Philosophy and Political Theology (Seminar Room)**

“The Political Theology of the Declaration of Independence”—Kody W. Cooper, Princeton University

“On Recovering the Transcendence of Man: James V. Schall and the Necessity of Political Philosophy for Catholicism”—Brian Jones, University of St. Thomas (TX)

Moderator—Stephen M. Krason, Franciscan University of Steubenville

### **2. Workshop on: “Jesus-Centered Marital Peer Specialists: Developing Catholic/Christian Training and Certification for Implementation at the Parish Level” (Totino Room)**

Conducted by: Chiara Simeone-DiFrancesco, Healing International, Inc.

### **3. Session on: Law and the Philosophy of Law (Conference Room)**

“St. Thomas Aquinas and John Finnis on Legal Justice”—P. Bracy Bersnak, Christendom College

“Drug Courts and Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges in a Retributive Age”—Alfred A. D’Anca, College of Mount Saint Vincent

Moderator—Scott A. Hunt, Eastern Kentucky University

### **4. Session on: The Meaning and Implications of Social Justice (Room 144)**

“Catholic Social Thought and the Virtue of Social Justice”—Fr. Daniel Pattee, T.O.R., Franciscan University of Steubenville

“The Social Justice of Christian Practices Embedded in Society: Unfair Privilege or Catalyst and Right of Truth?”—Michael J. Ruzala, Niagara University and St. Pius X Church (Getzville, NY)

Moderator—J. Marianne Siegmund, University of Dallas

**5:00–6:30 p.m.**

**1. Panel/session on: “Shakespeare on Kingship and the Common Good” (Seminar Room)**

“To ‘Make High Majesty Look Like Itself’: Shakespeare’s Richard II and the Challenge of Royalty”—Joseph Alulis, North Park University

“Higher Things than Earthly Kings: Political Philosophy in Munday and Shakespeare’s Sir Thomas More”—L. Joseph Hebert, St. Ambrose University

Panel chairman—L. Joseph Hebert, St. Ambrose University

**2. Session on: Catholic Social Science Reflections on Leading Sociological Thinkers (Totino Room)**

“Sorokin’s Theory of Social Change and the Future Society”—Robert Colbert Rhodes, University of Texas-Permian Basin, emeritus

Moderator – Fr. D. Paul Sullins, Family Research Council

**3. Session on: American Catholic History (Classroom A)**

“A History of the Pierre Toussaint Guild”—Stephen Nakrosis, Clifton, NJ

“A Revolution in the Priesthood: Clashes among the Clergy in 1960s Baltimore”—Hanael Bianchi, Howard Community College

Moderator—Clifford L. Staples, University of North Dakota

**4. Session on: Marriage and Present-Day Society, in Light of Pope St. John Paul II’s Theology of the Body (Classroom B)**

“A New Look at Pope St. John Paul the Great’s Concept of the ‘Language of the Body’ and its Implications for Marriage Today”—J. Marianne Siegmund, University of Dallas

“Marriage as a Theological Project: The American Civic Order”—Andrew D. Cannon, Sr., The Catholic University of America

Moderator—Michael J. Ruzala, Niagara University and St. Pius X Church (Getzville, NY)

**6:30–7:00 p.m.—Counting of Ballots from SCSS Election of Officers by SCSS Nominations and Election Committee (Conference Room) (any SCSS member who wished could have been in attendance for the counting)**

**7:15–9:00 p.m.—Dinner (Banquet)—Best Western University Inn, Ballroom**

Announcement of SCSS election results by L. Joseph Hebert, Member of SCSS Nominations and Election Committee

Presentation of 2015 Pope Pius XI Award for Contributions toward the Building Up of a True Catholic Social Science to: Fr. D. Paul Sullins, Ph.D., The Catholic University of America and Family Research Council (presented by Dr. Stephen M. Krason, SCSS President).

Fr. D. Paul Sullins, “Truth and Anti-Truth: Faith, Reason, and Rhetoric in the Public Square.”

**Saturday, October 24**

**8:00–9:30 a.m.**

**1. Session on: Aquinas, Scholasticism, and Politics (Seminar Room)**

“Why Politics Needs Scholasticism and How Scholasticism Needs Politics”—Richard Rolwing, Reynoldsburg, OH

“The Natural Law and the Necessity of Divine Law in Aquinas, and Contemporary Political Implications”—Steven Brust, Eastern New Mexico University

Moderator—Michael Scaperlanda, University of Oklahoma College of Law

**2. Session on: Present-Day Consequences of Liberalism and Individualism (Totino Room)**

“L’Arche and the Independent Living Movement”—Lorraine McCrary, Villanova University

“Black Mass at Harvard: ‘Counter-Hegemonic Discourse’ and its Uncivil Implications for Civil Society”—Fr. Michael Agliardo, S.J., Loyola University Chicago

Moderator—Stephen Nakrosis, Clifton, NJ

**3. Session on: Catholicism in East Asia (Classroom A)**

“Implications of the New Evangelization in South Korea”—Ian O’Hagan, St. Louis University

“Theological, Philosophical, Political, and Social Perspectives of the Visit of Pope Francis to the Philippines in January 2015”—José David Lapuz, University of Santo Tomas (Philippines)

Moderator—Michael J. Ruzsala, Niagara University and St. Pius X Church (Getzville, NY)

**4. Session on: Philosophical and Theological Questions (Classroom B)**

“Truth, Goodness, and Beauty: Facing the Philosophical Challenges”—Mark S. Roberts, Franciscan University of Steubenville

“Vatican II, St. Thomas Aquinas, and the Sensus Fidelium”—David A. Tamisiea, Ave Maria University

Moderator—John P. Nelson, M.D., psychiatrist in private practice, Pittsburgh, PA

**10:00–11:30 a.m.**

**1. Session on: International Questions (Seminar Room)**

“A Peaceful Uncertainty: The Move Beyond Sectarian Division and its Influence on Catholic Identity in Belfast”—Fr. Jeffrey S. Burwell, S.J., St. Paul’s College, University of Manitoba

“Power Reconsidered: A Moral Realist Perspective”—Andrew Essig, DeSales University

Moderator:—Laurence Reardon, Belmont Abbey College

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### **2. Session on: Business Education in Catholic Universities (Totino Room)**

“Incorporating Virtue Education in Collegiate Business Programs: The Experience at The Catholic University of America”—Brian T. Engelland, The Catholic University of America

“A Review of Catholic Social Teaching Integration with Business Curricula”—Jeffrey Rankin, Franciscan University of Steubenville

Moderator—David F. Dieteman, Penn State Erie, The Behrend College

### **3. Session on: The Human Appetites and Mental Health (Classroom A)**

“The Catechesis of the Irascible Appetite”—John P. Nelson, M.D., psychiatrist in private practice, Pittsburgh, PA

Discussant—Brent Dean Robbins, Point Park University

Moderator—Stephen Sammut, Franciscan University of Steubenville

### **4. Session on: Human Life and Family Questions (Classroom B)**

“Prevalence of Stem Cell Types on Clinical Trials: Adult Stem Cells are Dominant”—Emma M. Elliott, Monica J. Mosimann, and Derek M. Doroski, Franciscan University of Steubenville

“Family Life in a World Defined by Economic Well-Being”—Cecilia Castillo, Texas State University

Moderator—Gerard M. McKeegan, R.Ph., Steubenville, OH

### **11:35 a.m.–12:15 p.m.—SCSS Disciplinary Section Meetings**

Economics and Business Section—Conference Room

History Section—Totino Room

Philosophy, Theology, and Health Care Ethics Section—Classroom A

Political Science Section—Seminar Room

Psychology, Psychiatry, Mental Health, and Social Work Group—Classroom B

Sociology Section—Room 144

### **12:30–1:45 p.m.—Luncheon—Best Western University Inn.**

SCSS business meeting, conducted by Stephen M. Krason, SCSS President.

### **2:00–3:30 p.m.**

#### **1. Panel/session on: “Catholicism and Political Secession” (Seminar Room)**

“Aquinas on the Limits of Obedience and the Possibility of Revolution”—Michael Krom, St. Vincent College

“South Carolina Catholics and the Secession Crisis of 1860”—Adam Tate, Clayton State University

Commentator—Jerome Foss, St. Vincent College

Panel chairman/moderator—Jerome Foss, St. Vincent College

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### **2. Session on: Social Developments in Historical Context (Totino Room)**

“Christopher Dawson on the Dynamics of Historical Change”—James R. Gaston, Franciscan University of Steubenville

“Philosophical Materialism, Reduced Views of the Human Condition, and Diminished Expectations of the Person and Civil Society in Social Theory in the 19th Century”—John Larrivee, Mount St. Mary’s University

Moderator—Fr. Michael Agliardo, S.J., Loyola University Chicago

### **3. Session on: Recent Developments on the Issue of Same-Sex “Marriage” (Classroom B)**

“Beyond Tolerance?: Implications and Lessons of the Irish Same-Sex ‘Marriage’ Referendum”—Laurence B. Reardon, Belmont Abbey College

“Obergefell, Locke, and the Changing Definition of Marriage”—Caleb Henry, Seattle Pacific University

Moderator: Andrew M. Essig, DeSales University

### **4. Session on: Education and the Wisdom of Great Thinkers (Classroom B)**

“Prospects for Catholic Higher Education”—James B. Williams, Woodbridge, VA

“Meditations on the Wisdom of Thomas More and Ivan Ilych”—Michael Scaperlanda, University of Oklahoma College of Law

Moderator—David Tamisiea, Ave Maria University

**4:00–5:30 p.m.**

### **1. Session on: The Implications of Modern Thought for Culture and Language (Seminar Room)**

“Plato’s Cave, Modern Epistemology, and the Internet Culture”—Benjamin D. Wiker, Franciscan University of Steubenville

“Origin of Value-Language in Early Modern Political Thought”—Philip J. Harold, Robert Morris University

Moderator—L. Joseph Hebert, St. Ambrose University

### **2. Session on: Reconsidering Crucial Questions concerning Economics (Totino Room)**

“Money, Modern U.S. Monetary Policy, and Catholic Social Thought”—Alex Binder, Franklin & Marshall College

“The Concordian Challenge”—Carmin Gorga, Somist Institute

Moderator—David F. Dieteman, Penn State Erie, The Behrend College

**3. Session on: Catholic History (Classroom A)**

“‘The Nature and Danger of Popery in the Land’: Anti-Catholicism in Colonial New England”—John F. Quinn, Salve Regina University

“Vincent Audin (1793–1851), Ultramontane Historian”—David G. Mullan, Cape Breton University

Moderator—Kevin Schmiesing, Acton Institute

**4. Session on: The Era of Pope Francis in the Church (Classroom B)**

“Pope Francis and the Legacy of Vatican Council II”—Eduardo Echeverria, Sacred Heart Major Seminary

“Implications of the Vatican Environmental Encyclical for the U.S. Church: A Preliminary Assessment”—Fr. Michael Agliardo, S.J., Loyola University Chicago

Moderator—Fr. Jeffrey S. Burwell, S.J., St. Paul’s College, University of Manitoba

**7:00–9:30 p.m.—SCSS Board of Directors Meeting (Egan Hall, Room 231)  
(Board of Directors members only)**