



**SOCIETY OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL SCIENTISTS
24th ANNUAL NATIONAL MEETING-CONFERENCE
Friday–Saturday, October 28–29, 2016
Aquinas College
Grand Rapids, Michigan**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:15–10:30 a.m.

CSSR Editorial Board Meeting

10:30–11:30 a.m.

Pre-conference Mass 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Bukowski Chapel

Fr. Robert Sirico, celebrant

12:45 p.m.

Welcome

1:00–2:30

CONCURRENT SESSIONS I

1. Toward an Education for the Whole Person

Moderator: David Tamsiea, Ave Maria University

“Integrating the Liberal and Practical Arts”

David Lutz, Holy Cross College

“‘We Shall See Him as He Is’: Moving from Skills-focused Busy-ness to Holisitic Contemplative Formation”

Benjamin Brown, Lourdes University

2. Assessments of Political Theory

Moderator: Sean Cunningham, Aeterni Patris Institute

“Hans Kelsen’s Position that Justice is an Unknowable and Irrational Ideal is Flawed”

Kenneth Poirier, Holy Apostles College and Seminary

“Moral Realism and the History of International Relations”

Robert Gorman, Texas State University

3. Catholic Social Teaching and Business

Moderator: David Dieteman, Penn State Erie, The Behrend College

“Are There For-Profit Firms Applying Catholic Social Teaching to Regular Business Practice?”

Sarah Beiting, University of Notre Dame

“Catholic Social Thought and Decision-Making under Uncertainty”

Brian Saxton, John Carroll University

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2:45–4:15

CONCURRENT SESSIONS II

1. Teaching Church History

Moderator: Clifford Staples, University of North Dakota

“Teaching Church History in the 21st Century; Synthesis or Separation?”

Ian O’Hagan, St. Louis University

2. Issues in Psychology and Morality

Moderator: John Nelson

“The Moral Dilemma of Edward Snowden: Tell the Truth or Keep Secrets?”

Cynthia Nolan, American Military University

“Rationality Within Modern Psychological Theory”

James Harold, Franciscan University of Steubenville

3. Catholic Appraisals of Contemporary Political Culture

Moderator: Stephen Krason, Franciscan University of Steubenville

“An Evaluation of Current American Liberalism and Conservatism in Light of Catholic Social Teaching”

Stephen Krason, Franciscan University of Steubenville

“The Liberal Paradigm, Compromise, and the Death of Love”

Tobias Nathe

“John Courtney Murray and the American Ideology”

David Wemhoff

4. Thomism: Contemporary Applications

Moderator: David Tamsiea, Ave Maria University

“Aquinas on Man’s Natural Inclination to Live in Society”

Sean Cunningham, Aeterni Patris Institute

“MacIntyre and the Thomist Tradition: Understanding The Catholic Option”

David Dieteman, Penn State Erie, The Behrend College

4:30–5:45

Plenary Address

Dr. Samuel Gregg, Acton Institute

“Catholic Social Teaching: New Horizons and Old Problems in the 21st Century”

6:00

Dinner Banquet

Pope Pius X Award to J. Budziszewski, University of Texas

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:30 a.m.

Saturday Morning Mass

Bukowski Chapel

Fr. Paul Sullins, celebrant

8:30–10:00 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS III

1. Issues in Theology: The Laity and Authority

Moderator: Kevin Schmiesing, Acton Institute

“In the World, Not of the World, But Still For the World:
The Christian Laity’s Secular Character”

David Tamisiea, Ave Maria University

“Weighing and Interpreting the Documents of the Social Magisterium”

P. Bracy Bersnak, Christendom College

**2. Panel: Vaccinations: The Case for Parental Rights and Responsibilities
versus Government Control**

Chair: Gerard McKeegan, ProCare Hospice Care

Panelists

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Jeffrey Starre, Holy Family Medical Practice

3. The Religious Significance of Social Events

Moderator: Sean Cunningham, Aeterni Patris Institute

“The Philippines Eucharistic Conference as an Application of
Catholic Social Teaching”

José David Lapuz, University of St. Thomas, Philippines

“The Nature and Significance of the Festival in Light of Pieper’s
Thought on Leisure”

Joseph Zahn, Franciscan University of Steubenville

4. Modern Social Theory

Moderator: Robert Gorman, Texas State University

“The Spirit of Modern Social Theory”

Clifford Staples, University of North Dakota

Brian Jones, University of St. Thomas, Houston

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10:15–11:45 a.m.

Plenary Session

Panel: “Contemporary Thomist:

J. Budziszewski and Nature’s Law”

Chair: Paul DeHart, Texas State University

“Nature’s Lawgiver: On Natural Law as Law”

Paul DeHart, Texas State University

“Can an Atheist Have a Conscience? Budziszewski’s Notes on Aquinas”

John Hittinger, University of St. Thomas, Houston

“Furies and Dark Coasts: Conscience in the Work of J. Budziszewski”

Kevin Stuart, Austin Institute

“The Earth Itself Is a Suburb”:

Attachment, Custom, and Universality in the Natural Law”

Matthew J. Wright, Biola University

Response

J. Budziszewski, University of Texas

12:00 Noon–1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00–1:45 p.m.

Disciplinary Sessions

Business and Economics—AB 112

History—Wege Ballroom

Political Science—AB 114

Psychology—AB 117

Sociology—AB 119

2:00–3:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS IV

1. Panel: The Future of the Catholic Church in the American Public Order

Chair: Kenneth L. Grasso, Texas State University

“Put Not Your Trust in Princes: Catholics in the Administrative State”

Ryan Barilleaux, Miami University, Ohio

“Catholicism, the American Nation, and Politics:

Transformed or Being Transformed?”

Steven Brust, Eastern New Mexico University

“Tocqueville’s Prediction about the Pantheistic Tendency of ‘the Democratic Social State’ and Catholicism’s Present Situation”

Gary Glenn, Northern Illinois University (emeritus)

Discussant: Kenneth L. Grasso, Texas State University

2. Philosophical Foundations of Social Science

Moderator: David Dieteman, Penn State Erie, The Behrend College

“Reflections on the Philosophic Foundations of the Social Sciences”

James Gaston, Franciscan University of Steubenville

“Philosophical and Religious Foundations of Integralism”

Colbert Rhodes, University of Texas of the Permian Basin (emeritus)

3. Abortion and the Holocaust in Western Thought and Culture

Moderator: Jerome Foss, St. Vincent College

“Have Nazi Values Triumphed in Western Society? Evidence from Quebec”

Michael Farrell, University of Quebec

“The Use of Historical Analogies in the Abortion Debate”

Charles Bellinger, Brite Divinity School/Texas Christian University

4. Sexual Identity, Politics, and Culture

Moderator: Stephen Krason, Franciscan University of Steubenville

“The Achievement of the Radical Individual:

Gender Identification the Last Barrier”

Cecilia Castillo, Texas State University

“Identity, Person, and Society: New Challenges”

Laurence Reardon, Belmont Abbey College

3:45–5:00 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS V—3:45–5:00

1. The American Civil War and Catholic Social Thought

Moderator: John Pinheiro, Aquinas College

“Whence the Treasury of Virtue? Re-interpreting the Civil War after 9/11”

Adam Tate, Clayton State University

“Just War Doctrine and the War Between the States”

David Dieteman, Penn State Erie, The Behrend College

2. The Political Thought of Flannery O’Connor

Moderator: Lawrence Reardon, Belmont Abbey College

“Flannery O’Connor’s Engagement with Political Thought”

Jerome Foss, St. Vincent College

3. Ethnicity and Catholicism in Slovakia

Moderator: Mark Hoipkemier, University of Notre Dame

“Ethnicity in Slovakia:

Hungarians, Slovaks, and the Search for Catholic Unity”

David Reichardt, Comenius University, Slovakia

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4. Catholic Social Teaching and “Crony Capitalism”

Moderator: Brian Saxton, John Carroll University

“How the Rise of Crony Capitalism Should Inform Catholic Social Teaching”

Michael Matheson Miller, Acton Institute

5:15–6:15 p.m.

Sunday Anticipatory Mass

Bukowski Chapel

Fr. Paul Sullins, celebrant

7:30 p.m.

SCSS Board of Directors Meeting