



SOCIETY OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL SCIENTISTS
28th Annual National Meeting-Conference
Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, Ohio
Friday–Saturday, October 23–24, 2020
(All sessions except the Friday dinner were held in the
St. Joseph Center on the campus)

Friday, October 23, 2020

11:45–12:30

Catholic Social Science Review Editorial Board meeting (CSSR Editorial Board only)—Conference Room

12:45–1:00 p.m.

Opening prayer and welcome—Seminar Room

1:00–2:30 p.m.

Panel: “Catholics and the Trump Presidency”—Seminar Room

“The Good, the Bad, and the Trump: Reflections Upon the 45th President’s First Term”—Jerome Foss, St. Vincent’s College

“The Trump Judiciary”—Thomas Varacalli, Texas State University

“Faithful Catholics and the 2020 Election”—Steven Brust,
Eastern New Mexico University

Panel Moderator: Steven Brust, Eastern New Mexico University

3:00–4:15 p.m.—Seminar Room

Open discussion among SCSS members about their ideas for the organization’s future and how the SCSS might address the recent socio-political turmoil in the U.S., including attacks on religion and the Church

4:30–6:00 p.m.

Panel: “Integralism and Catholic Thought”—Seminar Room

Participants: Steven Brust, Eastern New Mexico University

Thomas Varacalli, Texas State University

Panel Moderator: Steven Brust, Eastern New Mexico University

6:15–7:15 p.m.—Disciplinary Section Meetings (meetings moderated by the persons below)

Economics/Business—John Larrivee—Seminar Room

History—Adam Tate—Totino Room

Philosophy/Theology/Health Care Ethics—Robert Fastiggi—
Room 129A (Classroom A)

Political Science—Kenneth L. Grasso—Room 129B (Classroom B)

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Psychology/Psychiatry/Mental Health/Social Work Group—
John P. Nelson, M.D.—Room 107

Sociology—Msgr. Robert J. Batule, St. Joseph's Seminary (N.Y.)—
Conference Room

7:30–9:30 p.m.—Conference Dinner/Banquet—J. C. Williams Center, Gentile Gallery (on the lower level)

At the dinner/banquet, the SCSS's Pope Pius XI Award for Contributions toward the Building Up of a True Catholic Social Science was presented to Mark Regnerus (Professor of Sociology at the University of Texas and Fellow of the Austin Institute for the Study of Family and Culture) and the SCSS's Blessed Frederic Ozanam Award for Catholic Social Action was presented to Robert Royal (President of the Faith and Reason Institute and Editor-in-Chief of *The Catholic Thing*).

Saturday, October 24, 2020

7:45–7:55 a.m.

Group Prayer—Seminar Room

8:00–9:30 a.m.

Roundtable on “Catholic Reflections on Robert R. Reilly’s *America on Trial: A Defense of the Founding*”—Seminar Room

Presenters: Kenneth L. Grasso, Texas State University

Christopher J. Wolfe, University of St. Thomas (Houston)

Andrew Essig, DeSales University

Chairman: Kenneth L. Grasso, Texas State University

Session: “Catholic Reflections on Economic Questions—Room 129A (Classroom A)

“A Catholic Perspective on the Rational Choice of *Homo Economicus*”—
John Larrivee, Mount St. Mary's University

“Capital Inflow Restrictions During a Pandemic: A Catholic Economist's
Perspective”—Juan Manuel Jauregui, International Monetary Fund

Moderator: Grant Sasse, University of St. Thomas (Houston)

9:45–11:15 a.m.

Panel I on “Orestes Brownson’s *The American Republic*”—Seminar Room

“Orestes Brownson For and Against Liberalism”—Michael Krom,
St. Vincent's College

“Orestes Brownson and the Liberal Tradition in America”—Jerome Foss,
St. Vincent's College

Moderator: Adam Tate, Clayton State University

Session: “Issues Confronting Catholics In The Professions”—Room 129A (Classroom A)

“Civil Divorce and the Catholic Lawyer: Answers to Common Moral Questions”—Robert Fastiggi, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, and Ligia De Jesus Castaldi, Ave Maria School of Law

“Understanding Dogmatism from a Catholic Counselor’s Perspective”—Grant Sasse, University of St. Thomas (Houston)

Moderator: Michael Baglino, Palm Beach State College

11:30 a.m.–12:55 p.m.

Panel II on “Orestes Brownson’s *The American Republic*”—Seminar Room

“Brownson’s *The American Republic* and the Challenge of Southern Constitutionalism”—Adam Tate, Clayton State University

“‘Spirituals’ and ‘Temporals’: Orestes Brownson on Church and Polity”—P. Bracy Bersnak, Christendom College

Moderator: Jerome Foss, St. Vincent’s College

Session: “Education and Intellectual and Religious Formation”—Room 129B (Classroom B)

“The Intrinsic Value of the Liberal Arts and Its Future Beyond Academia”—Michael Ruzsala, Niagara University

Moderator: Michael Baglino, Palm Beach State College

Session: “Furthering the Cause of Promoting Respect for Human Life”—Room 129A (Classroom A)

“Brilliant Innocence: The Sisters of Life”—Todd Hartch, Eastern Kentucky University

Moderator: Anthony W. Zumpetta, West Chester University (ret.)

1:00–2:15 p.m.

There was no formal sit-down luncheon at this year’s conference. Instead, a box luncheon was available in St. Joseph Center for those who purchased it with their conference registration.

2:30–4:00 p.m.

Panel: “What Is a Culture Of Life?”—Seminar Room

Panelists: Cynthia M. Nolan, Christendom College

Stuart W. Nolan, Legalworks Apostolate

Stephen Gajdosik, Human Life International

Chairman: Cynthia M. Nolan, Christendom College

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4:15–5:45 p.m.

Panel: “The 2020 Election”—Seminar Room

Panelists: Kenneth Grasso, Texas State University

Andrew Essig, DeSales University

Stephen M. Krason, Franciscan University of Steubenville

Chairman: Stephen M. Krason, Franciscan University of Steubenville

Session: “Religion, Politics, and Constitutionalism”—Room 129A (Classroom A)

“Martin Luther and the Modern Style of Politics”—Philip Harold,
Robert Morris University

“Diverging Trends in Catholic Approaches to American Constitutionalism”—
Christopher Lloyd Goffos, Hillsdale College

Moderator: Anthony W. Zumpetta, West Chester University (ret.)

7:30–9:30 p.m.

SCSS Board of Directors Meeting—Egan Hall, Room 102