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Fall 2021 Wednesday Night Lecture Series: Contemporary Issues in Theology

Remote Live: Wednesdays 7:00-8:30pm

Date	Topic
9/08	<p>Presenter: Sister Mary Amata Reifsnyder, SCC</p> <p>Community Medicine as a Sign of Hope From the perspective of a nurse in a Catholic healthcare center for the uninsured and the underinsured, this presentation will focus on the role of community medicine as a sign of hope in the 21st Century.</p>
9/15	<p>Presenter: Rev. Pawel Tomczyk</p> <p>The Quest for Happiness: Introduction to Morality The focus of this lecture will be to introduce the students to the virtue-centered approach to morality. By setting happiness at the center of moral pursuit, it will help the students to achieve a deeper understanding and appreciation of moral values of the Catholic faith.</p>
9/22	<p>Presenters: Marie & Russ Raffay</p> <p>Being a Catholic Family in a Secular World In today's society, being a Catholic family is sometimes frowned upon for many reasons. This session will explore what being a Catholic family means in today's world along with providing a platform for a guided discussion on the success and failures that we all have experienced along the way.</p>
9/29	<p>Presenter: Mark Tosso</p> <p>The Sign of Peace at Mass and in the World For many of us the Sign of Peace is just a handshake (or a Covid-friendly wave) before Communion, but this gesture tells us a profound truth about the Eucharist and who we are called to be as members of the Body of Christ. This talk will offer practical steps for understanding, appreciating, and living the Sign of Peace at Mass and throughout our lives. In a world and Church that can seem so divided, the Sign of Peace shows us the way to the unity Jesus calls His disciples to model.</p>
10/06	<p>Presenter: Rev. Jared Brogan</p> <p>Saint Joseph: Model of Discipleship Saint Joseph is the "silent saint". He speaks not a word, nor is there much recorded about him. Yet, he is the foster father of the Son of God and husband of the Mother of God. As fully human, he is husband, father, and disciple. This presentation will explore the human characteristics of Joseph and how they make him a model of discipleship.</p>

<p>10/13</p>	<p>Presenter: Sister Theresa Kelly, FMA</p> <p>“Who is My Neighbor? Reflections on Pope Francis’ “Fratelli Tutti”</p> <p>This presentation will explore the main teachings of Pope Francis on what it means to live as brothers and sisters, children of our same loving God. It will focus on the practical applications of the example and teachings of Jesus on how we are called to live together in peace and harmony. The encyclical emphasizes our social and moral responsibilities, as members of one human family, to care for each other and for our common home, the earth.</p>
<p>10/20</p>	<p>Presenter: Sister Josita Marks, SCC</p> <p>Pondering the Message of Trinitarian Love</p> <p>In Henri Nouwen’s book Behold the Beauty of the Lord he writes, <i>“The spiritual life keeps us aware that our true house is not the house of fear, in which the powers of hatred and violence rule, but the house of love, where God resides.”</i> Nouwen goes on to say that he sees this truth visually expressed through an icon by Andrew Rublev in 1425.</p> <p>For Nouwen the contemplation of this icon became central to his life. He wrote, <i>“For me the contemplation of this icon has increasingly become a way to enter more deeply into the mystery of Divine Life.”</i> This presentation will also include how other contemporary spiritual writers have been nourished by delving into the Trinitarian way that is rooted in wisdom, experience, and love.</p>
<p>10/27</p>	<p>Presenter: Sister Patrice Owen, SCC</p> <p>From Dominion to Advocacy for Our Common Home</p> <p>What is our faith response to the environmental crisis? How can we not protect and advocate for creation? This session will explore the Biblical roots as well as the Church’s social teaching on ecological justice. Creation advocacy is a manifestation of God’s work in the world. How will we respond to the cry of the earth?</p>
<p>11/03</p>	<p>Presenter: Sister Marie Pauline Demek, SCC</p> <p>People of Faith – Instruments of Peace</p> <p>This lecture presents a variety of persons whose lives were influenced by their spiritual faith in God and their love for humankind. This faith had a profound influence and impact on each of their lives and the lives of others. Drawing on the Peace Prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi as a backdrop, these “people of faith” are presented: Pedro Arrupe S.J., Bishop Desmond Tutu, Sister Helen Prejean, C.S.J, Sister Thea Bowman, F.S.P.A., Rachel Carson, and Cesar & Helen Chavez with Dolores Huerta.</p>
<p>11/10</p>	<p>Presenter: Sister Kathleen Marie Aucoin, SC</p> <p>What is Invisible to the Eye is Important</p> <p>You are invited to take a second look at art – specifically, the art of sculpture. What might the sculptor be “seeing”? What might the sculptor want us to see? What are you seeing?</p>