



Season's Greetings

Dear Friends,

As the Christian community moves through the season of Advent every December, so too the university community at Loyola draws to a close of what might be called a season of exams and final papers! In the midst of this, I am grateful for the many people who support our programs. Of the 12 events of the fall semester, I would single out four of them that illustrate to me the diverse interests that the Hank Center promotes in its endeavor to communicate, research, and connect to the Roman Catholic intellectual heritage.

First, as a way to promote inter-religious conversation at Loyola, our *Catholicism in Dialogue Series* discussed the role that pilgrimage plays in the Abrahamic faiths with scholars of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Second, as a way to deepen Loyola's understanding of the Catholic tradition's commitment to the plight of refugees around the world, we dedicated our *Catholic Minds, Catholic Matters* series to a symposium on the challenges of Jesuit education in light of global poverty and the displacement of peoples. Third, as a way to celebrate the university's *Jesuit* heritage, we continued our campus-wide conversation leading up to the bicentennial of the Restoration of the Society of Jesus, 1814-2014, and discussed both why the Jesuits were suppressed by the Church in the first place and what led to their eventual restoration. Finally, as a way to connect to the roots of Catholic life and culture in Chicago, we hosted the first in a series of conferences on Chicago immigration and the Catholic Church, starting with the Italian American community. This two-day conference brought together historians, literary critics, artists, and leaders in the Italian American community of Chicago to celebrate this rich heritage. To see the video

for any of these events, visit our website or contact us at catheritage@luc.edu to get a DVD edition of it.

We also look forward to the great programming we will offer in the spring: our annual *Cardinal Newman Lecture* in February invites a scholar to reflect with us on his or her intellectual journey toward Catholicism; our *Catholicism and the Arts Series* in March celebrates the poetry of the Jesuit, Gerard Manley Hopkins; and put on your calendars March 27 for our full day papal symposium, *Habemus Papam +1: The First Year of Pope Francis*.

Stay tuned for more information.

From all of us at the Joan and Bill Hank Center, a Merry Christmas to you and a happy new year,

Fr. Mark Bosco, S.J.

In the bleak mid-winter

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*What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?*

*If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb,*

*If I were a Wise Man
I would do my part, -*

*Yet what I can give Him,
Give my Heart.*

~Christina Rossetti
(1830-1894)



Attention LUC Faculty

Sign up for
Spring Semester 2014
Faculty Reading Group

Participants will read
John L'Heureux's
novel

**THE SHRINE AT
ALTAMIRA**

Cardinal Newman Lecture Series

Thursday, February 20

For its second Cardinal Newman Lecture this spring, the Hank Center invites writer, teacher, publisher, and editor Gregory Wolfe to speak about his journey of faith in the Catholic Church.

The John Cardinal Newman Lecture:

Blessed John Henry Newman, the great 19th century English prelate, wrote movingly about his intellectual journey to Roman Catholicism in his spiritual autobiography, *Apologia pro vita sua* (1864). Newman's work helped later generations of Catholics and converts map out ways to understand the datum of contemporary religious faith in light of Catholic philosophy, theology, and history. Honoring this engagement with the Catholic tradition, CCIH invites scholars each year to recount the way their own discovery (or rediscovery) of the Catholic intellectual heritage has influenced their scholarship or offered insights for further research in their discipline.



Catholicism and the Arts Series

Wednesday, March 12

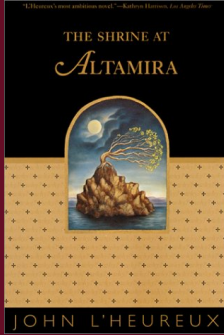
Thursday, March 13

Over the course of two days in the spring of 2014, Mr. Richard Austin - an actor and performer of the poetry of the Jesuit Gerard Manly Hopkins (1844-1889) - will offer a lecture and a performance of Hopkins' poetry.

"Hopkins' life and work are like a rushing river which, constrained on either side by rough rocks, has not the luxury of lateral spread to meander the broad plain but cuts instead a deep canyon. His worldly experience was narrow and the restrictions he placed upon himself severe but this has only served to deepen and magnify the cutting power of his legacy. It is precisely because he explored this vertical and inward axis that his work has such intense relevance - he has cut through the strata of human experience and his poetry resonates at every level," writes Austin, who performed Hopkins' poetry in numerous theaters in the UK, Italy, Ireland, and the US.



Habemus Papam + 1



"Mesmerizing...a powerful and affecting story about love's most anguished and disturbing permutations."

-Timothy Hunter
Cleveland Plain Dealer

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First Year of Pope Francis

Thursday, March 27

As we come upon the one year anniversary of the election of Pope Francis, the Hank Center will host a symposium entitled *Habemus Papam +1*. Guest speakers include: National Catholic Reporter and vaticanologist for CNN and NPR John L. Allen Jr, Editor in Chief of America magazine [Rev. Matt Malone, S.J.](#), and Professor of Faith and Culture at Dayton University, former US ambassador to the Vatican the Honorable [Miguel Diaz](#).



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Contact CCIH for more details on upcoming events.

Catholic Studies Program: Student Profiles

As an integrated liberal arts minor, a core mission of the Catholic Studies program at LUC is to introduce students to interdisciplinary scholarship. In addition, the program aims to nurture the traditional notion that to engage in authentic scholarship is to seek God in all things. This month, we would like to share how this objective looks "on the ground." Three of our Catholic Studies minors were asked share about what they've been up to recently as young scholars in the field.

Steven Patzke (Senior) looks back at his spring semester in Rome and answers the question, "What does the world need now?"

Two Words: Pope Francis. I had the good fortune of studying in Rome during the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI, the papal conclave, and the election of Pope Francis. I stood in Saint Peter's Square for seven hours waiting for smoke; and when, shortly after it billowed, Pope Francis appeared on the balcony He bowed and asked all of us to pray for him; and the world went silent. Small gestures such as these are characteristic of Papa Francesco and are exactly what our individualized and egotistical world needs. It is what I need as a young-adult Catholic in 2013. Why? It is simple. Pope Francis is trying to follow the teachings of Christ as closely as he can. He calls humanity



S.Patzke in Rome

to care for the poor, he practices what he preaches, and he challenges the political ideologies and economic structures of our age. The Holy Spirit was ever-present in Saint Peter's Square that evening; and, since then, it has enflamed the world by the wise message and holy example of Pope Francis. Pope Francis' twitter name is "Pontifex"; and there is no doubt that the Holy Spirit "tweeted" last march. I join many other young people as we all "Follow" *Pontifex!*

Justin Hoch (Junior) recounts his favorite memories of his Magis pilgrimage and visit to World Youth Day in Brazil last summer:

The Anglican theologian Trevor Denis wrote,

"We will come back changed. Of that I am certain. But of course that is why you go on a pilgrimage in the first place, to find the holy, stumble upon God in action, and be changed forever by the experience." This insight animated my Magis experience and my trip to World Youth Day in Brazil last summer. *Magis* is a Latin term for "more" that was adopted by St. Ignatius of Loyola and suggests the spirit of "generous excellence" in which ministry should be practiced. For US Jesuit institutions, *Magis* is a missionary experience/pilgrimage for young people who seek to cultivate Ignatian spirituality. In 2013 *Magis* took place in Brazil, just prior to World Youth day. Some highlights include: building community; developing spiritually and experiencing a new culture on my pilgrimage in northern Brazil; reaching the top of Corcovado to see Christ the Redeemer; experiencing the passion and excitement of over three million Catholic youth on Copacabana (or "Popacabana") Beach; developing a better understanding of *Magis*, the impulse to do more, to be more, and to give more.



J.Hoch at World Youth Day in Brazil

My visit to Brazil is something I will never forget. It educated me-mind, body, and soul-and helped me to realize that the Church needs the energy and commitment of the youth.

Maura Rocks (Sophomore) reflects on her November visit to Washington DC and her experiences with the Ignatian Solidarity Network at the Ignatian Family Teach-In.

I had the amazing opportunity to attend the Ignatian Family Teach-In in Washington, D.C. this past November with a delegation of Loyola University Chicago students. The Teach-In is held in commemoration of the Salvadoran martyrs and is an annual gathering of the "Ignatian family"--students from Jesuit high schools, universities, and parishes, along with members of the JVC, Jesuits, religious sisters, and many others. They gather to pray, learn, network and advocate. The weekend was filled with amazing guest speakers like Fr. James Martin, S.J. and Sr. Peggy O'Neil, S.C. who spoke about social justice, vocation, and joy in ministry. There were over 1,300 members of the "Ignatian family" in attendance, and on the last day of the Teach-In, we ascended Capitol Hill as a family to advocate for issues we discussed over the weekend. Loyola delegations visited Congressman Mike Quigley's office to advocate for raising the minimum wage and Congresswomen Jan Schakowsky to advocate for comprehensive immigration reform. The weekend was truly inspirational; not only was there a personal reaffirmation of the value of a "faith that does justice," but I also saw how the intellectual skills cultivated in interdisciplinary problem-solving are needed. Moreover, I brought back ideas that will help our first John Courtney Murray Forum thrive this coming spring.



M.Rocks and Fr. Martin SJ

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