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Afternoon of Christianity

Church and Theology for a Post-Secular Age

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Program
for
Afternoon of Christianity:
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A Templeton Colloquium
by Msgr. Dr. Tomas Halik
Charles University, Prague and
Templeton Fellow at the NDIAS, Fall 2015

November 15 – 17, 2015
Notre Dame Conference Center
McKenna Hall

Sunday, November 15

5:00 p.m. Holy Mass
Holy Cross Chapel, Stinson-Remick Hall of Engineering

Rev. Kevin Grove, C.S.C., Principal Celebrant
Msgr. Tomas Halik, Concelebrant and Homilist

5:45 p.m. Welcome Dinner
Joyce/Hesburgh Room, Morris Inn

Monday, November 16

All sessions will be held in McKenna Hall, room 104

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Introduction: The Afternoon of Christianity
Chairperson: Brad Gregory, University of Notre Dame

Tomas Halik, Templeton Fellow at the NDIAS

10:15 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Secularization: Divorce Between Christianity and Religion?

This session will focus on whether secularization has brought about the end of Christianity as religion (in its pre-modern sense) or whether secular Christianity without religion offers solutions or greater decline.

Panelists: **William Barbieri**, Catholic University of America
William Cavanaugh, DePaul University
Cyril O'Regan, University of Notre Dame

12:30 p.m.

Lunch
Lower Level of McKenna Hall

2:30 p.m.

Return of Religion as Threat: Is the Contemporary Political Theology a Sufficient Answer to Religious Fundamentalism and Extremism?

This session will focus on whether political roles of religion necessitate a new political theology that can analyze and help to resolve current religious extremism and fundamentalism.

Chairperson: Donald Stelluto, University of Notre Dame

Panelists: **Colby Dickinson**, Loyola University Chicago
Anna Bonta Moreland, Villanova University
Daniel Philpott, University of Notre Dame
Gerard Powers, University of Notre Dame

5:45 p.m.

Dinner
Lower Level of McKenna Hall

Tuesday, November 17

All sessions will be held in McKenna Hall, room 104

8:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m.

Return of Religion as Opportunity: 'Anatheism' and Post-Modern Philosophy and Theology

This session will focus on the possibility of post-modern theology and philosophy to inspire a deeper and more mature faith, interreligious dialogue, and a more productive confronting of contemporary secular culture.

Panelists: **David Bentley Hart**, University of Notre Dame
Jeffrey McDonough, Harvard University
Anna Bonta Moreland, Villanova University

10:15 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. The Kenotic Church Open for Seekers: The Need for Change in Ecclesiology, Spirituality, and Pastoral Theology and Practice

This session will focus on the extent to which the Church can make the radical changes in ecclesiology, spirituality, and pastoral theology and practice in order to initiate dialogue with “seekers” and to accompany them on their spiritual journeys.

Panelist: **Philip J. Rossi**, S.J., Marquette University

12:30 p.m. Lunch
Lower Level of McKenna Hall

2:30 p.m. Conclusions and Discussion of Closing Thoughts and Comments

Chairperson: Brad Gregory, University of Notre Dame

Tomas Halik, Templeton Fellow at the NDIAS

Guest Panelists and Audience

5:45 p.m. Closing Dinner
Lower Level, McKenna Hall

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