

SCHEDULE FOR 2019 COLLOQUY

Thursday, June 13

- 1:00 p.m. **Participants begin arriving**
Mary Hall Lower Level
- 5:00 p.m. **Social**
Great Hall Courtyard (Centenary Room Quadrangle 264 in case of rain)
- 6:00 p.m. **Dinner**
Centenary Room, Quadrangle 264
- 7:15 p.m. **Opening Welcome**
Thomas M. Landy, Director, Collegium
- 8:00 p.m. **Evening Prayer**
Saint John's Abbey Church

Friday, June 14

Objectives for the Day:

- A. During the week we'll discuss many things about what Catholic intellectual and spiritual traditions have to offer. But we begin the week with a focus on experience. Two elements of the program -- the morning introductions today and the afternoon mentor presentations tomorrow -- launch a week-long process aimed to help participants identify and articulate their own goals, hopes, and challenges in their careers and faith lives. A primary aim of Collegium is to give participants the opportunity to further develop their own sense of vocation. That process entails paying attention to experience and knowing our particular talents and greatest hopes, but is enriched and even made possible by relating to the hopes and histories of others. Whatever promise there is for Catholic higher education or Catholic intellectual life depends in the largest part on the community's ability to nourish that sense of vocation.
- B. The week's major presentations offer perspectives on the traditions and future of Catholic intellectual life, outlining some elements of the "Catholic imagination" and exploring what contribution it might make to our work and our institutions. For us or for our institutions to be Catholic is to take part in a tradition but also to develop and re-shape it at times in light of the Gospel. Today's major presentation discusses the place of the intellectual life in the church today, in terms of both opportunities and challenges.
- C. Taken together, the interweave of inductive and deductive approaches aims to help participants discern how best to shape and reshape their own vocation given their particular hopes, talents, and opportunities. Prayer and spirituality offer us a final means -- essential to the religious life -- of recognizing our hopes and fears and discerning our own vocation, beginning with reflection on who we are and where we have been.

7:30 a.m. **Breakfast**
Refectory (lower level of Quadrangle)

9:00 a.m. **Small groups**
Quadrangle rooms 247, 252, 254, 261, 268, 457, 459
This discussion serves as an opportunity to introduce yourself briefly to your group. Since our shared reflections often bring up questions of commitment and belonging, we ask participants to say something about:

- Who and what is most important to you?
- In what ways in your work environments, disciplines, and elsewhere in your life do you feel that you fully "belong"?
- Where might you feel left out or marginalized?
- Where might you hold yourself at a distance?

11:15 a.m. **Break**
Centenary Room Quadrangle 264
Coffee, tea and cold drinks are available.

11:30 a.m. **Major Presentation – “Oui, Whee, We: Gamboling in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition”**

Karen Eifler, University of Portland

Centenary Room, Quadrangle 264

Far from a calcified relic, the Catholic intellectual tradition is an ongoing conversation that is often tangled, recursive and testy. Thinkers and emphases go in and out of favor, a reality that is maddeningly intertwined with the tenacity and faithfulness of all who contribute to the dialogue, as this talk will illustrate.

- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**
Refectory (lower level of Quadrangle)
- 2:15 p.m.-
3:45 p.m. **Small group discussions**
Quadrangle rooms 247, 252, 254, 261, 268, 457, 459
Discussion about major presentation and readings.
- 4:00 p.m. **Prayer/Spirituality -- “Remembrance and Spirituality”**
Chapter House (next to Saint John’s Abbey Church)
- 5:00 p.m. **Common Worship**
Chapter House (next to Saint John’s Abbey Church)
- 6:00 p.m. **Dinner – “Dinner for the Disciplines”**
This discussion has no formal agenda, but just serves as an opportunity to meet people in related fields. One starter question could be “What is a course you’d consider thinking about as 'lab' for applying some of the week’s ideas?” This doesn’t commit you to changes, only to having a specific example in mind if you wanted to ponder how Collegium might have an impact on your practice as an educator. Maybe it’s a class you’ve just been assigned; maybe it’s a class you’ve taught 29 times; maybe it’s a class that flummoxes you for some reason.
Refectory (lower level of Quadrangle)
- 8:00-10:30 **Social (optional) “Open mic night”**
p.m. Individuals are invited to share their talents for the enjoyment of participants.
Sexton Commons – Br. Willie’s Pub

Saturday, June 15

Objectives for the Day:

- A. Over the next several days, discussion will center on three major claims about Catholic intellectual life: that it is christocentric, sacramental, and communitarian.
- B. Today's major theme, the sacramental worldview, develops from the film, "Babette's Feast." The theme, which incorporates Catholicism's "analogical imagination" and its belief in the ability of creation to mediate God's presence in the world, provides a fertile starting point for understanding how faith and intellectual life can be mutually enriching.
- C. Prayer/Spirituality moves toward the theme of discernment, but begins by focusing on how we might look for God's call in our own lives, work, desires, and imagination.

7:30 a.m.- **Breakfast**

8:45 a.m. *Refectory (lower level of Quadrangle)*

8:45 a.m. **Eucharist**

Emmaus Hall Chapel

Celebrant – Fr. Timothy Backous, O.S.B.

9:30 a.m. **Film - Babette's Feast**

Art Center Auditorium

11:45 a.m. **Champagne Brunch**

Wimmer Hall Picnic area (Alumni Lounge in case of rain)

1:45 p.m. **Major Presentation – “A Sacramental Vision: The Catholic Imagination in a Secular Age”**

Matthew Eggemeier, College of the Holy Cross

Centenary Room, Quadrangle 264

3:00 p.m. **Break**

Centenary Room, Quadrangle 264

Water available

3:15 p.m. **Small groups**

Quadrangle rooms 247, 252, 254, 261, 268, 457, 459

Discussion of talks and readings and themes of the day.

5:15 p.m. **Prayer/Spirituality – “God of Great Desires, God of Great Surprises”**

Emmaus Hall Chapel

6:15 p.m. **Dinner**

Refectory (lower level of Quadrangle)

7:45 p.m. **Mentor Presentations**

Two mentors tell the story of their call as intellectuals and Christians: how they see a mesh between the spiritual and intellectual in their work and everyday lives; what fueled their sense of vocation early in their studies and careers; and how they see their role as teachers *of* the church and/or teachers *for* the church.

Presenters – Doshie Piper and Miles Taylor

Location - McKeown Center (located across from Saint Vincent Court apartments)

8:00-10:00
p.m.

Social (optional) “Open mic night”

Individuals are invited to share their talents for the enjoyment of participants.

McKeown Center

Sunday, June 16

Objectives for the Day:

- A. While the Catholic imagination is arguably very world- and culture-affirming in most of its history, the tradition has been enriched and often prodded by prophets who saw societies and situations more in need of repair than affirmation. The discussion today examines injustice in the world and focuses on how we and our institutions need to address the world's needs today.
- B. Today's small group discussion turns to Jesus. Pelikan's book and the wide array of images collected at <http://bit.ly/jesuscenturies16> show some of the many ways Jesus has come to be understood in different cultural contexts in the history of Christianity. The goal is not to cover the art history of representations of Jesus, but to turn the conversation to a discussion of each of our own understandings of who Jesus is, and some thought about how some of the ways that Jesus has been understood have important implications for how we think about the mission of a Catholic university.
- C. The conversation also focuses on what difference a christocentric world view makes in intellectual life. In a workplace culture that privatizes and compartmentalizes faith, how do we discuss or conceive of Jesus in relation to our work? Is Jesus relevant to teaching and research?
- D. Conversation about mission and identity in Catholic higher education typically centers on the humanities, giving little attention to STEM fields, even ones that are traditionally part of the liberal arts. Few people, when they meet to imagine how to build a college more faithful to the aspirations of the Catholic intellectual tradition, have science and mathematics education in mind as a significant part of the answer. This panel, like another on professional education later in the week, aims to engage faculty from all disciplines in thinking about the consequences and potential lost opportunities of such failings, even as we face up to the fact that high quality scientific research is expensive given the financial resources of most of our institutions.

7:30 a.m.- **Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. *Refectory (lower level of Quadrangle)*

9:00 a.m. **Prayer/Spirituality -- "Where Do We Need Healing? Where Does the World Need Healing"**

Emmaus Hall Chapel

10:30 a.m. **Eucharist**

Saint John's Abbey Church (with Saint John's community)

11:45 a.m. **Brunch**

Refectory (lower level of Quadrangle)

1:00 p.m. **Talk - "Sacramentality in a World of Injustices" "A Prophetic Vision: Embodying Mercy in a Suffering World"**

Matthew Eggemeier, College of the Holy Cross

Centenary Room, Quadrangle 264

Collegium identifies the sacramental imagination - a belief that 'the world is charged with the grandeur of God' - as a primary way of understanding the purpose of Catholic higher education. Catholic colleges and universities want to see that imagination passed on to students, and at the same time want those students to recognize and work to repair a wide range of injustices that mar a world that is created as good. How do we help focus attention on what needs to be repaired in the world, while keeping alive a sense of wonder?

- 2:30 p.m. **Small Groups - Responding Prophetically in a Broken World**
Quadrangle rooms 247, 252, 254, 261, 268, 457, 459
Collegium participants should prepare for the session by considering the very real forms of injustice they see in the world, and be prepared to discuss what you are in a position to help remedy given your position and academic field.
- How do you face up to the realities of injustice?
 - What are you positioned and called to do about it as teachers? as scholars?
- 3:30 p.m. **Small Groups -- Images of God: Who Do We Say Jesus Is for the World?**
Participants are asked to prepare by reading two chapters of their choice from Jaroslav Pelikan's *Jesus Through the Centuries*. The groups will discuss the variety and meaning of those interpretations. Which images do they find compelling? What makes some "Catholic"?
- 4:45 p.m.-
5:45 p.m. **Round Table Discussion:**
STEM in Catholic Higher Education: Paving the Way Forward
Centenary Room, Quadrangle 264
- 6:15 p.m. **Dinner**
Refectory (lower level of Quadrangle)
post-panel conversation (reserve tables) - optional
- 7:30 p.m. **Listening Session: Diversity and Catholic Higher Education: Opportunities and**
Esteban del Río and Tom Landy are working to craft a book that will be useful to Collegium participants and alumni about the ways that Catholic traditions and the global realities of Catholic experience can help foster healthier, diverse communities committed to a shared common good - communities that recognize a variety of human experiences and enable conversations across cultural boundaries. We would like to hear from interested faculty about the challenges and hopes that they have seen on their campuses.
Centenary Room, Quadrangle 264
- 8:30-11:00
p.m. **Social (optional) "Open mic night!"**
Individuals are invited to share their talents for the enjoyment of participants.
Sexton Commons – Br. Willie's Pub

Monday, June 17

RETREAT & REFLECTION DAY

Objective for the Day:

A brief description of each retreat, a program for the day, and a sign-up sheet will be posted on Saturday. Space is limited for each retreat.

- 7:30 a.m. **Breakfast**
Refectory (lower level of Quadrangle)
- 8:30 a.m. **Morning Prayer/Lectio Divina**
Assumption Chapel, (located in the lower level of Saint John's Abbey Church)
- 9:00 a.m. **Retreats (see pp. 14-15 for descriptions)**
- **A Day of "Greening," a lá Hildegard of Bingen, OSB - Quadrangle Rm. 247 (Karen Eifler)**
 - **The Way of the Heart: the Freedom to *Be* and *Become* - Quadrangle Rm. 252 (Beth Barsotti)**
 - **Watering the Earth: Receiving What We Need in a Day of Prayer and Colloquy - Quadrangle Rm. 254 (Melissa Borgmann-Kiemde and Dan Johnson)**
 - **Awakening the Heart - Quadrangle Rm. 261 (Diane Millis)**
 - **Good Country People: The Stories of Flannery O'Connor and the Inner Struggle for Authenticity - Quadrangle Rm. 268 (Fr. Timothy "Timo" Backous)**
- 9:00 a.m.-
4:45 p.m. **Saint John's Abbey Church is available for individual reflection.**
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
Refectory (lower level of Quadrangle)
- 4:45 p.m. **Eucharist –**
Emmaus Hall Chapel
Celebrant – Fr. Timothy Backous, O.S.B.
- 6:00 p.m. **Dinner**
Picnic - Wimmer Hall Picnic Area (Sexton Commons in case of rain)
- 8:30-10:00
p.m. **Social (optional) "Open mic night!"**
Individuals are invited to share their talents for the enjoyment of participants.
Sexton Commons – Br. Willie's Pub

Objectives for the Day:

Today's discussion focuses on the Church's understanding of its role in the world since Vatican II, and introduces some of the ways Catholic social thought has tried to formulate a more just vision of society.

- 7:30 a.m. **Breakfast**
Refectory (lower level of Quadrangle)
- 8:30 a.m. **Morning Prayer**
Assumption Chapel (located in the lower level of Saint John's Abbey Church)
- 9:00 a.m. **Prayer/Spirituality -- "Discernment and Discipleship"**
Assumption Chapel (located in the lower level of Saint John's Abbey Church)
- 10:00a.m. **Major Presentation – Catholic Social Thought**
Kate Ward, Marquette University
Centenary Room, Quadrangle 264
Coffee, tea and cold drinks will be available.
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
Refectory (lower level of Quadrangle)
- 12:45 p.m.- **Karen Eifler - Saint John's Bible talk (optional sign-up sheet)**
1:45 p.m. *Hill Museum & Manuscript Library (HMML)*
- 2:00 p.m. **Small Groups**
Quadrangle rooms 247, 252, 254, 261, 268, 457, 459
Discussion of readings and consideration of the shaping of institutions and the prophetic-sacramental dialectic and its role in Catholic higher education.
- 4:00 p.m. **Evening in Minneapolis/St. Paul**
Bus will depart from Flynn Town bus stop in front of Saint Vincent Court .
- Drop-off will be at the Mall of America first, then in the city (for people interested in "uptown" bookstores, they are a 10-minute cab ride from bus drop location (Hennepin Ave. and W. Lake St.).*
- Return:** *Bus will depart Mall of America at 9:00 PM, then from the city at 9:15. Please plan to be at drop-off locations 15 minutes before departure time.*

For those remaining on campus:

- 5:00 p.m. **Eucharist**
St. John's Abbey Church (with Saint John's community)
- 5:30 p.m. **Dinner**
Refectory (lower level of Quadrangle)

Wednesday, June 19

Objectives for the Day:

A. Though Catholicism has long been primarily committed to the liberal arts as the “core” means to develop and communicate its vision in an in-depth way, a good deal of the education at Catholic colleges and universities in the US and worldwide is professionally focused. At a time of high anxiety about job prospects, some schools are trimming liberal arts programs and requirements. The morning’s roundtable discussion allows faculty in liberal arts and professions to talk together about how the professions do, and can do better at educating in a mission-focused way. Where and how should they work collaboratively, or complement each other? What do professional programs have to do if they don’t have liberal arts courses to complement?

B. For decades, Collegium participants have read and discussed *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* on Thursday. While that document is still important, and has not been superseded, we’d like to try to center the conversation this year on a recent document from Pope Francis, *Gaudete et Exsultate*. A cover page before this document in the readings book provides some framework and framing questions for small group conversation.

C. Small group conversation also focuses on closure to the week and ways to follow through on this experience.

- 7:30 a.m. **Breakfast**
Refectory (lower level of Quadrangle)
pre-panel conversation (reserve tables) - optional
- 8:30 a.m. **Morning Prayer**
Assumption Chapel (located in the lower level of Saint John’s Abbey Church)
- 9:30 a.m. **Roundtable Discussion:**
Professional Education: Opportunities and Challenges for Mission-related Catholic Higher Education
Centenary Room, Quadrangle 264
Coffee, tea and cold drinks are available.
- 10:45 a.m. **Small groups**
Quadrangle rooms 247, 252, 254, 261, 268, 457, 459
Discussions of readings.
- 12:15 p.m. **Photos** – *Saint John’s Abbey Church (outside-weather permitting) or Centenary Room, Quadrangle 264*
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**
Refectory (lower level of Quadrangle)
“Joy of Teaching” Conversation - reserve tables/space - (optional sign-up sheet)

- 1:45 p.m.-
2:45 p.m. **Small Groups - “Thinking of Home”**
Quadrangle rooms 247, 252, 254, 261, 268, 457, 459
- How can I make a difference in my institution, classroom or discipline?
(participants may want to bring syllabi)
 - Maintaining balance in my life: What practices can I take home to make room for a spiritual life? What do I need to give up to make room in my life?
- 3:00 p.m.-
3:30 p.m. **Large Group Sharing - Ideas from Small Groups About Moving Forward**
Centenary Room, Quadrangle 264
- 4:00 p.m. **Prayer/Spirituality -- “Being Sent”**
Small groups will offer each other a departing blessing during this session.
Emmaus Hall Chapel
- 4:45 p.m. **Eucharist –**
Emmaus Hall Chapel
Celebrant – Fr. Timothy Backous, O.S.B.
- 6:15 p.m. **Social**
The Great Hall Courtyard
- 7:15 p.m. **Closing Dinner**
The Great Hall

“Toasts and Thanks” - Following dinner participants are invited to the podium to offer parting toasts, thoughts, and poems.

Thursday, June 20

6:00 a.m. **Breakfast to go**
-9:00 a.m. *McKeown Center*

6:30 a.m. **Checkout and preparation for airport departure**
- 11 a.m.