

ABOUT AMBASSADOR MIGUEL H. DÍAZ



Miguel H. Díaz, PhD, is the John Courtney Murray Chair in Public Service and

former U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See. Díaz obtained his doctorate in Systematic Theology from the University of Notre Dame. He is a member of the Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA) and a member and former president of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (AHTUS). In 2013 he was the recipient of the prestigious Virgilio Elizondo Award from AHTUS, given in recognition for distinguished achievement in theology.

His scholarly interests include Trinitarian theology, theological anthropology, political theology, and Latino/a theology. He is a prolific writer and public speaker. His publications include books, articles, and speeches, and he is now working on two books: *Building Bridges: God, Diplomacy, and the Common Good* and *The Mystery of God in Latino/a Theology*. He has contributed to efforts that bridge religion and foreign policy, especially through various efforts undertaken at the Department of State.

Díaz is married to Marian K. Díaz, also a theology professor at Loyola University Chicago, and together they are the proud parents of four children.



'THE PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR CULTURE IN LATINO/A THEOLOGY'

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 • RICHARD J. KLARCHEK INFORMATION COMMONS

- 8:30 a.m. Coffee
- 9 **Welcome**
Reverend Thomas Regan, S.J., Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
Miguel H. Díaz, PhD, John Courtney Murray University
Chair in Public Service
- 9:15 **Exploring Foundations: History, Scripture, and Popular Catholicism**
"Futuring our Past: The Origins, Evolution, and Future of Latino/a Theology," Marian K. Díaz, Loyola University Chicago
"The Turn to Culture and the Words in Front of the Text: Rethinking Eisegesis in Biblical Studies," Jean-Pierre Ruiz, St. John's University
"Popular Catholicism, *sensus fidelium*, and the Faith of the Church," Orlando O. Espín, University of San Diego
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 **Exploring Human Experiences, Sources, and Loci of Latino/a Theology**
"Las Culturas de lo Cotidiano: Popular Culture as *Locus Theologicus*," Carmen Nanko-Fernández, Catholic Theological Union
"The Challenge of a 'Preferential Option' to Faith in a Context of Privilege," María Teresa Dávila, Andover Newton Theological School
"(De)CIPHERING *Mestizaje*, Encrypting Lived Faith," Néstor Medina, Regent University
- Noon Lunch
- 1:45 p.m. **Theologizing *Latinamente*: Jesus, Mary, and God**
"Jesus, Our Companion," Roberto S. Goizueta, Boston College
"Your Caridad del Cobre is not my Guadalupe, but Let's Share La Leche: Expressions of Latino/a Theological Roots in Images of Breast Milk," Neomi De Anda, University of Dayton
"God-Who-Crosses: Migration, Exile, and the Preferential Option for the Marginalized and Oppressed," Miguel H. Díaz, Loyola University Chicago
- 3 Break
- 3:15 **Enlace: A conversation with His Eminence Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi on "The Preferential Option for Culture in Latino/a Theology"**
- 4 Reception