

The Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage

February 2017



From the Desk of Fr. Mark Bosco, S.J.

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As we begin Black History Month this February, the Hank Center thought it a good time to examine the historical role that Catholic institutions and, specifically, the Jesuit order, played in the legacy of slavery in the United States. The New York Times reported last fall about how Georgetown University has embarked, through a program called "The Working Group on Slavery, Memory, and Reconciliation," on a rigorous "examination of conscience" of their early participation in the slave trade. For our part, we have invited one of the great scholars of this painful legacy, Seattle University Professor Fr. Tom Murphy, S.J., to join us for a lecture on February 9.

Dorothy Day, a founder of The Catholic Worker movement and now proclaimed a "Servant of God" by the Church, offers us a more inspiring heritage to ponder. Called the most significant and influential person in the history of American Catholicism, even Pope Francis spoke about her enduring legacy in his joint address to Congress in 2015. She famously wrote that "the greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a revolution of the heart?" Join us for a symposium on February 16 and 17 as scholars and her friends and family gather to offer insight into this radical, yet orthodox, Catholic figure of social justice in America.

Finally, on March 2, we continue our series on the legacy of immigration and the Catholic Church by focusing on the Vietnamese-American experience. Panelists will include historians, but also Vietnamese-American Catholics from Loyola and the Chicagoland area as they give witness to their Catholic faith. See details below.

All good things,
Fr. Mark

Call for Proposals

Andalusia in Andalucia:
An International
Conference on Flannery
O'Connor



June 22-25, 2017
Seville, Spain

The call for proposals for the Andalusia in Andalucia conference is now open. The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2017. Please click [here](#) to view recommended topics and to learn how to submit.

The Cardinal Newman Lecture Series



Thursday, March 23
4:00PM-5:30PM

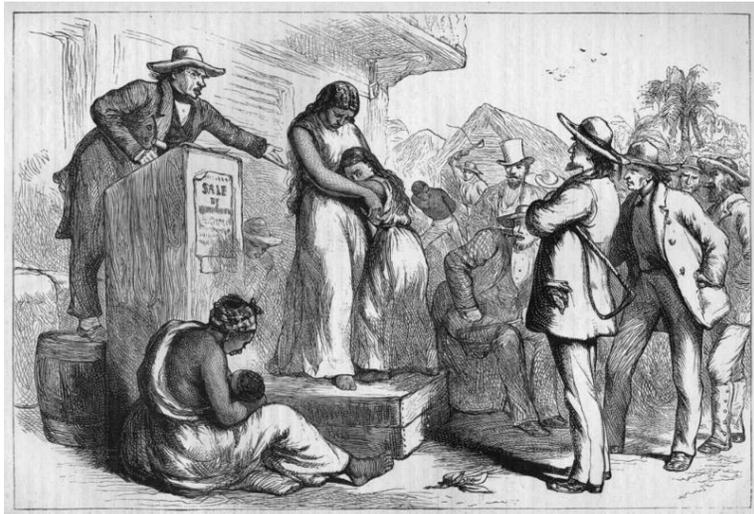
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Loyola University Chicago
1032 W. Sheridan Rd.
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Christopher Haw, author of *From Willow Peak to Sacred Heart*, will deliver this year's Cardinal Newman lecture, "Rust Belt Apocalypse and the Eucharist," on how a poetic mixture of myth and logic, an active patience amidst godlessness, and the drama of scapegoating as symbolized in the Mass all permeate his ongoing conversion and research.

Event is free and open to the public.

[View Silence, in Theaters Now](#)

Black History Month Lecture



The Jesuit Choice: Religious Freedom before Ecumenism and Slave Emancipation

Thursday, February 9
4:00PM-5:30PM

McCormick Lounge, Coffey Hall
Loyola University Chicago
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In honor of Black History Month, historian Thomas Murphy, S.J., of Seattle University will deliver a lecture on the history of American Jesuits' relationship to slavery.

Beginning in colonial times, the Jesuits in Maryland owned slaves as part of their belief that their Roman Catholic faith did not exclude them from an English subject's right to possess all forms of legal property.

Despite the passage of the Bill of Rights by the recently independent United States in 1791, Jesuits remained insecure about the recognition of their American citizenship. They feared that advocating the removal of the protection of slavery from the Constitution would lead to their freedom of worship being removed from it too. They also began to see abolitionism as a Protestant heresy that they must reject.

The result of these forces was that in 1838 they sold their slaves rather than set them free. This lecture will examine the legacy of these events for Jesuit ministries today.

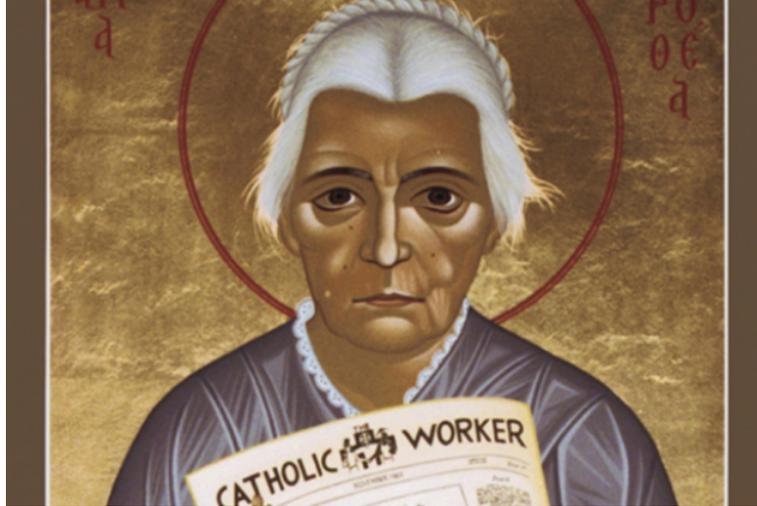
Event is free and open to the public.

Revolution of the Heart: A Symposium on Dorothy Day



The Hank Center encourages you to view Martin Scorsese's new film, *Silence*, about the persecution of Japanese Christians and their Jesuit missionaries. Click [here](#) to view an interview with Scorsese about the film and his visit to the Vatican.

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Dorothy Day Of New York - Rldrd is a painting by Br. Robert Lentz, OFM

Day One

Thursday, February 16, 2017

5:30PM-7:30PM

McCormick Lounge, Coffey Hall

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"Dorothy Day: A Saint for Today," by Robert Ellsberg

The first evening of this two-day symposium honoring Dorothy Day features a keynote entitled "Dorothy Day: A Saint for Today," by Robert Ellsberg. Ellsberg was a member of the Catholic Worker community in New York from 1975 to 1980, and served as managing editor of *The Catholic Worker* from 1976 to 1978. He is now editor-in-chief of Orbis Books.

Day Two

Friday, February 17, 2017

9:00AM-5:00PM

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The symposium will feature two panels on Dorothy Day and the Catholic worker, as well as a keynote by Kate Hennessy, Dorothy Day's granddaughter, entitled, "The World Will be Saved by Beauty: Dorothy Day's Message of Hope." Additionally, David Mueller will provide an update on the Dorothy Day Cause for Canonization at a Catholic Worker Roundtable Soup Lunch. The event concludes with a production by Still Point Theater, *Haunted by God*.

Click [here](#) to view the full schedule of events. Event is free and open to the public.

Catholicism and Vietnam

Thursday, March 2

3:30PM-5:30PM

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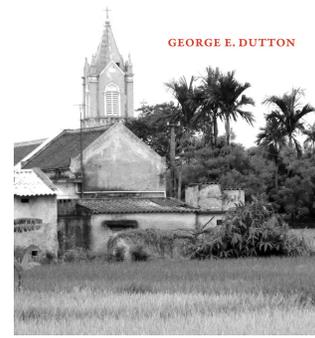
George Dutton, author of *A Vietnamese Moses*, will deliver a lecture followed by responses on Vietnamese Catholic life by Jesuit Scholastics, students, faculty, and Chicago community members.

A Vietnamese Moses is about a Vietnamese Catholic priest, Philiphê Bỉnh, who in 1796 endeavored to persuade the Portuguese court in Lisbon to appoint a bishop for his community of former Jesuits in Vietnam. Dutton argues that Bỉnh's efforts were representative of broader Vietnamese-Catholic agency to defend their Portuguese-shaped Catholic heritage.

Click [here](#) to learn more about Dutton and his research. **Event is free and open to the public.**

A Vietnamese Moses

Philiphê Bỉnh and the Geographies
of Early Modern Catholicism



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