Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture
Poverty Conference: Schedule

All sessions will be held in the Notre Dame Conference Center. Sessions are free and open to the public, but priority seating will be given to registered participants.

Thursday, October 30

5:15 p.m.  Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Bishop Kevin Rhoades, Diocese of Fort Wayne–South Bend

8 p.m.  “Predistribution: A Strategy for Promoting Flourishing Lives”

James Heckman, University of Chicago, Nobel Laureate in Economics

Response by Joseph Kaboski, University of Notre Dame

Introduction by William Evans, Keough-Hesburgh Professor of Economics and Department Chair, University of Notre Dame

9:30 p.m.  Reception

10 p.m.  The Rule screening (DeBartolo Performing Arts Center)

Friday, October 31

9:00–10:15 a.m.  Colloquium Sessions (submissions in response to the Call for Papers)

The Poverty of Abortion (Auditorium)

“Abortion: Philosophy Found Wanting”

Margaret Hogan, University of Portland

“Poverty in Novels of Abortion”

Janet McCann, Texas A&M University

“Welcoming the Stranger: A Call to Radical Hospitality”

Jess Keating, University of Notre Dame

Chair: Laura Nash (Center for Ethics and Culture)

The Family (Room 210-214)

“Reclaiming Charity through the Family”

Catherine Deavel, University of St. Thomas (St. Paul, Minnesota)

“Addressing Spiritual Poverty within the Family: What Is the Basis for Filial Obligations?”

Thomas McDonald, Brigham and Women’s Hospital

“Reclaiming the Safety Net: The Church and Family’s Role in Caring for the Vulnerable”

Jason Jones, Human Rights Education Organization

Chair: Catherine Pakaluk (Ave Maria University)

Global Poverty (Room 200)

“Catholicism and Poverty Relief in the Arabian Gulf: Innovations and Pitfalls”

Brandon Vaidyanathan, Rice University

“Identifying ‘the Poor,’ Cultural Context, and African Communalism”

Polycarp Ikuenobe, Kent State University

“Poverty, Corruption, and the Challenges of Boko Haram Insurgence in Nigeria”

Simeon Omale, Kogi State University
“Spend Yourselves on Behalf of the Hungry: The Story of the Texas Hunger Initiative’s Attempts to Reduce Domestic Hunger and Poverty”  
Jeremy Everett, Texas Hunger Initiative  
Chair: Michael Beaty (Baylor)

Health Care (Room 112-114)  
“Healthcare Professionals as Advocates for Financially Impoverished Patients: Preserving Role Fidelity to Promote Justice and Sustain Integrity”  
Lauris Kaldjian, University of Iowa  
“Psychiatry, Poverty, and the Catholic Worker Movement”  
Cliff Arnold, University of Notre Dame  
“Blessed Are the Poor: On Social Justice, Charity, and Health”  
Ryan Nash, Ohio State University  
Chair: William Hurlbut (Stanford University)

Redeeming Economics (Lower Level)  
“Neo-Scholastic Economics”  
John Mueller, Ethics and Public Policy Center  
“Poverty and Contributive Justice”  
David Lutz, Holy Cross College  
“Meritocracy, Ownership, Poverty, and the Corporation”  
Marc Peter Neri, University of North Texas  
Chair: Ryan Madison (Center for Ethics and Culture)

Screening of The Rule (Room 202)

10:15–10:45 a.m. Break and Refreshments

10:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Invited Panels

Poverty and the Bible (Auditorium)  
“The Metaphysics of Money”  
Gary Anderson, University of Notre Dame  
“In Defense of Indulgences”  
Robert Wilken, University of Virginia  
Chair: Francesca Murphy (University of Notre Dame)

Measuring Poverty and Investing for the Poor (Lower Level)  
“Winning the War: Poverty from the Great Society to the Great Recession”  
James Sullivan, University of Notre Dame  
“Fighting Poverty through Research: The Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities”  
William Evans, University of Notre Dame  
“Impact Investing for the Poor in Light of Catholic Social Teaching”  
Martijn Cremers, University of Notre Dame  
Chair: V. Phillip Muñoz (University of Notre Dame)

12:15–1:15 p.m. Lunch
Friday, October 31 (cont’d)

1:30–2:45 p.m. Alasdair MacIntyre: “Heedlessness” (Auditorium)  
Chair: Jim Kelly (Notre Dame Law School)

2:45–3:15 p.m. Break and refreshments

3:15–4:30 p.m. Invited Panels

Who Said, ‘Blessed Are the Poor’? (Lower Level)  
John Finnis, University of Notre Dame  
Chair: Ryan Madison (University of Notre Dame)

Poverty in America (Auditorium)  
“Pope Francis and Catholic Social Thought on Poverty: Principles, Priorities, and Policy Directions”  
John Carr, Georgetown University  
“Why It’s So Hard to End Poverty in America”  
Peter Edelman, Georgetown University Law Center  
Chair: Gerard Powers (University of Notre Dame)

5:15 p.m. Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart

6:15–7:15 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Poor for the Poor: The Mission of the Church (Auditorium)  
An Interview with Gerhard Cardinal Müller  
Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith  
Chair: Carter Snead (Center for Ethics and Culture)

9 p.m. Reception

Saturday, November 1

9:00–10:15 a.m. Colloquium Sessions (submissions in response to the Call for Papers)

‘Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit’ (Room 210-214)  
“Poverty and the Little Sisters of the Poor”  
Sandra Laguerta, Human Life International  
“Asceticism Contra Mundum”  
Michael Bradley, Ethika Poliika  
“Native Poverty and Tragicomic Grace in Catholic Literature and Thought”  
Macarena Pallares, Intercollegiate Studies Institute  
Chair: Margaret Cabaniss (Center for Ethics and Culture)

Poverty, Political Theory, and Law (Auditorium)  
“Neither Liberal or Libertarian: A Natural Law Approach to Social Justice and Economic Rights”  
Ryan Anderson, Heritage Foundation  
“Equal Right to the Poor and to the Rich’: Wealth, Poverty, and Equality Before the Law”  
James Stoner, Louisiana State University
“Private Property, Self-Interest, and Interest Income: John Locke and John Paul II”  
Randall Smith, University of St. Thomas (Houston, Texas)  
Chair: Mary Keys (University of Notre Dame)

Who Are the Poor? (Lower Level)  
“Poverty in the Post-Traditional World: Rethinking What It Means to Be Poor”  
H. Tristram Engelhardt Jr., Rice University  
“Deflation of Marriage and Family Life: Creating a Social Class of Impoverished and Disadvantaged Children”  
Mark Cherry, St. Edward’s University  
“Aquinas on Recognizing the Poor: The Virtue of Mercy and Aesthetic Perception”  
Miguel Romero, University of Notre Dame  
Chair: Melissa Moschella (Catholic University of America, Center for Ethics and Culture)

Dignity and Justice (Room 112-114)  
“Beyond Philanthropy and Insurance: Solidarity as the Key to Social Justice in Contemporary Liberal Democracy”  
Paula Olearnik, Ignatianum University  
“Poverty, Human Dignity, Inequality, and Justice: The Individual as Agent of Change”  
Marion Boteju, New York University  
“Poverty, Dignity, and Recognition”  
Bryan Pilkington, Aquinas College  
Chair: David Solomon (University of Notre Dame)

Subsidiarity and Distributism (Room 200)  
“Resurrecting Distributism? Chesterton, Belloc, and Pope Francis”  
Michael Griffin, Holy Cross College  
“Subsidiarity and the ‘Basic Structure’”  
Bharat Ranganathan, Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture  
Chair: Michael Moreland (Villanova University)

Screening of The Rule (Room 202)

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Community, Social Mobility, and Catholic Schools (Auditorium)  
“Improving Life Outcomes for the Poor through School Choice and Deregulated Education”  
Shavar Jeffries, Lowenstein Sandler PC  
“America’s Irreplaceable Catholic Schools”  
Nicole Garnett, University of Notre Dame  
“Poverty, Education, and Social Promotion: Our Experience”  
Archbishop Fernando Chomali Garib, Archdiocese of Concepción, Chile  
Chair: Rev. Timothy Scully, C.S.C. (University of Notre Dame)

Poverty and the European Experience (Lower Level)  
“We the Poor: The challenge of Individualistic Poverty to Constitutional Personalism”  
Andrea Simoncini, University of Florence  
Mauro Magatti, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart
“The Fight Against Poverty and Social Exclusion in the European Union”
Lorenza Violini, University of Milan
Chair: Paolo Carozza (University of Notre Dame)

12:15–1:15 p.m. Lunch

1:30–2:45 p.m. Invited Panels

Love and Beauty: The Answers to Poverty (Lower Level)
John Waters, Irish Times
Chair: Jeff Pojanowski (Notre Dame Law School)

Pope Francis and the Preferential Option for the Poor (Auditorium)
“God’s First Mercy: The Preferential Option for the Poor in the Light of Francis’ Pontificate”
Thomas D. Williams
“What Are We Waiting For? The Social Question in the Time of Pope Francis”
Michael Baxter, DePaul University
Chair: Sean O’Brien (Notre Dame Law School)

2:45–3:15 p.m. Break and refreshments

3:15–4:30 p.m. Invited Panels

Why the Poor Need Beauty (Auditorium)
“Architecture for the Poor or an Impoverished Architecture? Insights from the Franciscan Tradition”
Duncan Stroik, University of Notre Dame
“Houses of Noble Poverty: From the South Downs to the Deep Lagoon”
John Haldane, University of Saint Andrews
Chair: Ryan Madison (Center for Ethics and Culture)

Social Responsibility and Luxury Goods (Lower Level)
Abe Schoener, Scholium Project
Michele Satta, Michele Satta Wines
Jim Meehan, Managing Partner, PDT
Chair: Anthony Monta (University of Notre Dame)

5 p.m. Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Rev. William Dailey, C.S.C.

6:15–7:15 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. The de Nicola Family Colloquy: “Catholic Social Teaching and American Capitalism: Are They Compatible?” (Auditorium)
Patrick Deneen, University of Notre Dame
Hadley Arkes, Amherst College
John Tomasi, Brown University
James Mumford, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia
Chair: Carter Snead (Center for Ethics and Culture)

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