SPEAKERS

Prof. Sabina Alkire
Director, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative, Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford

Robert A. Annibale
Global Director, fCiti Community Development and Citi Inclusive Finance

The Most Reverend Archbishop Bernardito Auzá
Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations and Organization of American States

Josef Bonnici
Governor of the Bank of Malta

Armando Borja
National Director, Jesuit Refugee Service /USA

Liliana Carvajal
Monitoring Specialist, Research & Policy, UNICEF HQ

Prof. Paolo Carozza
Professor of Law, University of Notre Dame; Director, Kellogg Institute for International Studies and Member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences

Prof. Melissa Labonte
Associate Professor of Political Science, Fordham University

Eduardo Jose Marques Maia de Almeida
Inter-American Development Bank

Fr. Elias D. Mallon, S.A., Ph. D.
Catholic Near East Welfare Association

His Eminence Theodore Cardinal McCarrick
Archbishop Emeritus of Washington and Chair of Catholic Relief Services Foundation Board

Nicolas Michel
Former Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, UN and Member of the UN negotiation team on Syria

His Eminence Pietro Cardinal Parolin (to be confirmed)
Secretary of State, Holy See

Prof. Henry Schwalbenberg
Director, International Political Economy and Development Program, Fordham University

GENERAL INFORMATION

If you have questions contact: iped@fordham.edu / On-line registration at www.CAPP-USA.org

VENUES

Holy Mass: Chapel of Blessed Rupert Mayer, S.J. Lowenstein Building 2nd Floor Fordham University 113 West 60th Street (corner 60th St. and Columbus Ave) New York, NY 10023

Conference: Fordham University E. Gerald Corrigan Conference Center, Lowenstein Building 12th floor 113 West 60th Street, (corner 60th St. and Columbus Ave) New York, NY 10023

Opening Conference Dinner: Plaza Atrium, Lowenstein Building Plaza Level, Fordham University 113 West 60th Street (corner 60th St. and Columbus Ave) New York, NY 10023

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“Dignified agents of their own destiny”

Pope Francis’ Call for Escaping Poverty: Practical Examples and New Proposals

September 23, 2016

New York City

Fondazione Centesimus Annus
Pro Pontifici
The CAPP/Fordham Conference will examine the definition and measurement of poverty and propose specific, practical efforts which operationalize Pope Francis’ insistence that people “be dignified agents of their own destiny”, as articulated by the Holy Father at the United Nations in 2015:

“Economic and social exclusion is a complete denial of human fraternity and a grave offense against human rights...To enable these real men and women to escape from extreme poverty, we must allow them to be dignified agents of their own destiny...Integral human development and the full exercise of human dignity cannot be imposed. They must be built up and allowed to unfold...The number and complexity of the problems require that we possess technical instruments of verification...the simplest and best measure(s).” (Emphasis added)

Seeking to make a unique and important contribution to the global dialogue on this topic, the conference will bring together international specialists, authorities and professionals to examine it from several perspectives - to highlight issues and implications raised by Pope Francis’ charge and to suggest ways it might be realized. This conference should provide “value added” - that is: the conference should make a practical and substantial contribution to the international dialogue on the topic.

Broad Outline
Covering one day, a senior Church official will frame the issue - elaborating the Holy Father’s position. Then, responding to Pope Francis’ call “that we possess technical instruments of verification...the simplest and best measure”, we will define poverty and propose how to measure it - using the schema identified by the Holy Father. After this, we will investigate and propose specific, practical efforts which operationalize Pope Francis’ insistence that people “be dignified agents of their own destiny”.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22nd

Opening Conference Dinner

18.30 Cocktail
19.00 Dinner

Speaker
(to be confirmed)
His Eminence Pietro Cardinal Parolin
Secretary of State, Holy See

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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23rd

07.30 Holy Mass Memorial Saint Pius of Pietrelcina
His Eminence Theodore Cardinal McCarrick

08.30 Welcome and Introduction
Joseph M. McShane, SJ President Fordham University
Domingo Sugranyes Bickel, President FCAPP

08.40 Pope Francis’ Views on International Poverty and Development
The Most Reverend Archbishop Bernardino Auza

09.40 What is poverty? Prof. Sabina Alkire

10.40 Break

11.00 Measuring Poverty
Fordham University’s Pope Francis Global Poverty Index:
Prof. Henry Schwalbenberg + Panel:
- Child Mortality: Ms. Liliana Carvajal

12.00 Lunch
“Integral human development and the full exercise of human dignity cannot be imposed. They must be built up and allowed to unfold”

13.20 Elaboration of these comments of Pope Francis’
His Eminence Theodore Cardinal McCarrick

13.30 Inclusive Finance and Entrepreneurial Responses
Panel Chair: Domingo Sugranyes Bickel
- Voluntary Solidarity Funds: Josef Bonnici
- Corporate Initiatives: Robert A. Annibale
- Development Finance: Eduardo J. M. Maia de Almeida

15.10 Break

15.30 Relationship of Violence and Poverty
Panel Chair: Prof. Paolo Carozza
“On the Ground” Negotiating: Nicolas Michel
- Humanitarian & Political Dimensions”: Melissa Labonte
- Refugee Responses: Armando Borja

17.00 Panel:
Speakers will respond to Moderator and Audience questions
Moderator: Prof. Melissa T. Labonte

17.50 Rapporteur Brian Strassburger, SJ

18.00 Conclusion