

Introductory Remarks by **Rev. James M. Lies, C.S.C.**

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It was about a year ago that Lord Brennan approached me in Durham about the possibility of our hosting this event. It is a great honor and pleasure to welcome each and all of you to Fischer Hall and The University of Notre Dame (USA) in England. We have been educating our students in London for over 50 years and we currently have 165 students from our home campus near South Bend, Indiana, studying law and a whole array of undergraduate disciplines. We also host any number of faith related lectures, conferences and symposiums in this lovely location in Central London. I wish to read a brief letter of welcome from the Rev. John Jenkins, the President of the University of Notre Dame:

Dear Friends,

In the name of the University of Notre Dame, it is a joy to greet you, the participants of the CAPP (Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice) Foundation's Sixth Consultation Meeting of The Dublin Process. As a Catholic university, one of Notre Dame's distinctive goals is to provide a forum where, through free inquiry and open discussion, the various lines of Catholic thought may intersect with all the forms of knowledge found in the arts, sciences, professions, and every other area of human scholarship and creativity. With this mission in mind, it is a great privilege for Notre Dame to welcome you to Fischer Hall as you take up the critical themes associated with the ethics of finance and technology.

Notre Dame aspires to be an ever-more global Catholic university. For over fifty years, our faculty and students have benefited from the opportunity to study in London, and there to take up many of the themes which will animate your discussion over the coming days: the intersections of Christian social thought and market economies; the ethical issues introduced by advances in technology; the challenges and opportunities associated with globalization; and the very nature of the human person.

I wish I could join you for these important discussions. I extend my gratitude to the many who organized this gathering, and I pray that your discussions are fruitful.

*Sincerely,
Father John I. Jenkins, CSC
President of the University of Notre Dame*

It is our greatest desire that we meet your every need in this place. There are a number of our Notre Dame team around to assist in any way that we might. You have met some of our student ambassadors for this event. They seem always to shine brighter than the rest of us, so we're grateful for their willingness to assist on occasions like this.

There are also members of our professional staff available if you should have any particular needs. Please either let Bridget Keating or me know if we can be of help to you. And I would like to add a quick word of thanks to the Office of Notre Dame International and the Office of Mission Engagement & Church Affairs on the Notre Dame home campus for their support, and to Chairman Domingo Sugranyes, Eutimio Tiliacos, and Paola D'Onofrio, for their tremendously impressive efforts on our collective behalf. Again, welcome! May God bless our work here for the good of the Church and the world.

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