

# Conference Program

## **28th Annual Conference**



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**June 8 - 9, 2018**

**Hosted by**

**The University of Dallas**

**Friday, June 8, 2018**

**12:00 – 2:00pm**      **Conference Registration (Gorman Foyer)**

**1:30 – 1:40pm**      **Opening Remarks (Gorman A)**

**1:45 – 3:15pm**      **Panel Session I**

**A. The College Campus (Gorman A)**

Session Chair: Barbara Freres (Cardinal Stritch University)

- **“The Role of Campus Health Centers in Finding Alternatives to Planned Parenthood”**  
Rachel MacNair (Director, Institute for Integrated Social Analysis, Consistent Life Network)
- **“Pedagogical Principles for Meaningfully Engaging College Students on *Love and Responsibility*”**  
Peter Colosi (Salve Regina University)
- **“Life and Love: The Mission of Personalist Feminism in Combating the Culture of Death”**  
Mary Lemmons (University of St. Thomas)

**B. Contraception, Abortion and ‘Having a Child’ (Gorman E)**

Session Chair: Kevin Miller (Franciscan University of Steubenville)

- **“Lena Grove: A Fertility Goddess with No Fear of Motherhood”**  
Fr. Robert E. Maguire, O. Cist. (University of Dallas)
- **“A Twenty -Year History (1958-1978) of Contraception and Abortion as Documented by the Catholic Medical Association”**  
Richard Fehring (Marquette University)
- **“Having a Child: Intentional, or Game of Chance?”**  
Karen C. Chan (St. Patrick’s Seminary & University)

**3:30 – 4:30pm**      **Panel Session II**

**A. Life as an Option and Life as an Unalienable Right (Gorman D)**

Session Chair: Janet Smith (Sacred Heart Major Seminary)

- **"The Dying Will Be Resented If They Do Not Choose Assisted Suicide"**  
Richard Stith (Valparaiso University)
- **“Unalienable: A Pro-life, American Concept”**  
Christopher James Wolfe (University of Dallas)

**B. Theological Reflections on Culture (Gorman C)**

Session Chair: Richard J. Fehring (Marquette University)

- **“Blessed in the Eyes of the Lord is the Death of His Holy Ones’: A Theology of Holy Saturday for a Culture of Life”**  
Matthew L. Sutton (St. John’s University)
- **“The ‘Culture of Death’ as a ‘Structure of Sin’”**  
Kevin Miller (Franciscan University of Steubenville)

- 4:45 – 5:45pm**      **Plenary Address I (Gorman A)**  
**“Forging a Pro-Life Culture in the Face of Elites’ Resistance”**  
Christopher Wolfe (Professor of Politics, University of Dallas; President of the American Public Philosophy Institute)
- 6:00 – 7:15pm**      **Dinner (Haggar Cafeteria, on your own)**  
**7:15 – 7:30pm**      **Welcome (Gorman A)**  
Jonathan Sanford (Provost, University of Dallas)
- 7:30 - 8:30pm**      **Plenary Address II (Gorman A)**  
**“*Humanae Vitae*: 50 Years Later”**  
Janet Smith (Father Michael J. McGivney Chair of Life Ethics, Sacred Heart Major Seminary)
- 8:30 – 9:30pm**      **Social Hour (Gorman Faculty Lounge)**

**Saturday, June 9, 2018**

- 8:00 – 8:45am**      **Breakfast (Haggar Cafeteria, on your own)**  
**8:20 - 9:30am**      **Late Registration (Gorman Foyer)**  
**9:00 – 5:00pm**      **Refreshments available (Gorman Faculty Lounge)**

**9:00 - 10:30am**      **Panel Session III**

**A. Substance, Potentiality, Ends, and Parts: Metaphysics and Abortion (Gorman E)**

Session Chair: Bernadette Waterman Ward (University of Dallas)

- **“Help for Pro-Abortion Critics: How to Argue *Against* the Substance View of the Human Person”**  
M. T Lu (University of St. Thomas)
- **“Medicine’s Interest in Abortion”**  
William Frank (University of Dallas)

- **“If the Fetus is a Part of the Mother, then Three Abortion Defenses Fail”**

David Hershenov (University at Buffalo)

**B. The Common Law, Fetal Personhood and the Rights of Children (Gorman D)**

Session Chair:

- **“*Word Made Flesh*: The Common Law as an Incarnational Approach to the Common Good”**

Joshua Skinner (University of Dallas)

- **“The Right of Children to be Raised by Their Biological Parents”**

Mike Stannard (Clovis Community College - California)

**C. A Current Supreme Court Case and the Matter of Fetal Personhood**

Session Chair:

- **“Constitutional Fetal Personhood: Short Form of Silver Bullet Revised”**

Phillip Rafferty (Independent Scholar)

**10:45 – 11:45am Plenary Address III (Gorman A)**

**“Law, Reason, and the Sanctity of Human Life”**

Francis Beckwith (Professor of Philosophy and Church-State Studies and Co-Director of the Program in Philosophical Studies of Religion, Baylor University)

**12:00 – 1:30pm Lunch (Haggar Cafeteria, on your own)**

**1:30 – 2:30 pm Panel Session IV**

**A. Law Panel I (Gorman E)**

Session Chair: Joseph W. Koterski, S.J. (Fordham University)

- **"The Puzzles of Fetal Viability"**

Steve Gilles (Quinnipiac Law)

- **“A Draft Opinion Overruling *Roe v. Wade*”**

Clarke Forsythe (Americans United For Life; Senior Counsel)

**B. Literature and Life (Gorman D)**

Session Chair:

- **“Right-to-Life Issues in Contemporary Gay and Lesbian Literature”**  
Jeff Koloze (Lorain County Community College)
- **“Contemporary Medieval Receptions of Dante’s Embryonic Theory in Purgatory 25 (vv. 34-75)”**  
Anthony Nussmeier (University of Dallas)

**2:30 – 3:30 pm**      **“The Crack in the Door: A Drama about Campus Free Speech” (Gorman A)** Bernadette Waterman Ward, author. Voices of Dave Waterman, Katie Tweedel, Daniel Spiotta, Mike Stannard, Adam Cooper, Mary Gottschalk, Elissa Torretta (and possibly others)

**3: 45 - 4:45pm**      **Panel Session V**

**A. Law Panel II (Gorman E)**

Session Chair: Mary Lemmons (University of St. Thomas)

- **"Gauging 'Constitutionally Adequate' Access to Abortion in the Wake of Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt"**  
Steve Aden (Americans United for life; Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel)
- **“The Constitutionality of Laws Banning Sex-Selection Abortion”**  
Richard Myers (Ave Maria School of Law)

**B. Ethical Considerations: Human Dignity and Virtue (Gorman D)**

Session Chair: Peter Colosi (Salve Regina University)

- **“The Basis of Human Dignity: Nature or Autonomy?”**  
Fr. James Lehrberger, O.Cist. (University of Dallas)
- **“Mystical value in Anscombe’s defense of *Humane Vitae*: the coming together of virtue and value ethics”**  
Joshua Cole (Wabash College)

**5:00 – 6:00pm**      **Catholic Vigil Mass (Incarnation Church, University of Dallas)**

**6:00– 6:30pm**      **Open Microphone (Gorman A)**

**6:30 – 8:00pm**      **Closing Banquet (Seraphy Room, SB Hall)**  
**2018 Smith Award Recipient *in absentia*: Francis Zapatka**

**Comments: "Statesmen in Full': Lessons from Thomas More, Patron of Statesmen"**

Gerard Wegemer (Professor of English, University of Dallas; Director, Center for Thomas More Studies)

**8:00 – 9:00pm**

**Fellowship Hour (Place)**