



*The Aquinas Center
for Theological Renewal*

*Hope and Death:
Christian Responses*

February 11-13, 2020

Ave Maria University

Ave Maria, Florida

Program

Thursday, February 11

Mass is offered at 7:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., & 5:00 p.m. at Ave Maria Church and at 8:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., & 8:00 p.m. in the Ballroom located in the Student Union.

12:00 – 8:00 p.m. Registration, *Prince Building, Outside of the O'Bryan Performance Hall*

2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Concurrent Session 1: [Moderator: Brett Feger]
Paul M. Henkels Academic Building Room 1001

Mark Heffley, *Ave Maria University*, “And the Curtain of the Temple Was Torn in Two’: Biblical Apocalyptic and Christian Hope”

Joshua Madden, *Maryvale Institute*, “Confronting that Hideous Strength: The Eschatological Hope of Marriage in the Face of Sin, Suffering, & Death”

Beth Mortensen, *The Aquinas Institute*, “Having a Firm Hope: Lessons and Translation Conundrums from Aquinas’s *Sentences* Commentary”

Concurrent Session 2: [Moderator: Bradley Cypher]
Paul M. Henkels Academic Building Room 1014

Dominic Cassella, *Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Sts. Cyril and Methodius*, “The Disembodied Soul: Aquinas on the Preservation of Personal Identity”

Michael De Salvo, *Ave Maria University*, “‘You Would Not Have Any Power Against Me, Unless It Had Been Given to You from Above’: Thomas Aquinas on God as the Origin of Pilate’s Political Authority”

Aaron Henderson, *Ave Maria University*, “Obediential Potency and Christian Hope in the New Heavens and the New Earth”

Concurrent Session 3: [Moderator: Fr. Hung Cao]
Paul M. Henkels Academic Building Room 1023

Christopher Kambach, *Ave Maria University*, “The Tri-Partite Soul and the Good Life in Plato and C.S. Lewis”

Page Lagarde, *Ave Maria University*, “The Blood of Christ: Christ’s Death as Fulfilling the Sacrificial System and Inaugurating the New Covenant”

Online Concurrent Session 1: [Moderator: Marie Ferman]
*All Presenters will be presenting from **Microsoft Teams***

Jeffrey Baynham, *The Catholic University of America*,
“Faith and Hope in Bonaventure and Aquinas”

Patrick Gardner, *Christopher Newport University*,
“Reasons for Hope: Eternal Life and the Motive of Faith in
Aquinas’ *De Veritate*”

Corey Stephan, *Marquette University*, “The Power to
Save Perfectly’: John Damascene’s *De fide orthodoxa* 58 &
59 as Mediators of Maximus’s Soteriology”

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Concurrent Session 4: [Moderator: Aaron Henderson]
Paul M. Henkels Academic Building Room 1011

Daniel Lendman, *Ave Maria University*, “The Nature-
Grace Distinction And the Mysteries of Death,
Resurrection, and the Creation of Eve”

Fr. Robert Garrity, *Ave Maria University*, “Thomistic
Influence in the Church’s Theology of Death Leading to
Resurrection, Then and Now”

Susan Waldstein, *Franciscan University of Steubenville*,
“Did the Blessed Virgin Mary Die? Charles DeKoninck’s
solution and its Critique”

Concurrent Session 5: [Moderator: Mark Heffley]
Paul M. Henkels Academic Building Room 1014

Brett Feger, *Ave Maria University*, “Perceiving the
Creator Anew and the Movement of Hope”

Sr. Hyacinth Hayward, OP, *Pontifical Faculty of the
Immaculate Conception*, “Tending toward Heaven: The
Virtue of Hope and Religious Life in Aquinas”

Tyler Pellegrin, *Ave Maria University*, “The Synergistic
Relationship between Hope and Charity in Aquinas:
Natural Desire, Inchoate Hope, and True Hope”

Concurrent Session 6: [Moderator: Andrew Kuenstle]
Paul M. Henkels Academic Building Room 1017

Jeremy Johnston, *Ave Maria University*, “*Maranatha*:
Christian Hope and the Second Coming of Christ”

Kara Logan, *Ave Maria University*, “For in the
resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage,
but are like angels in heaven’ (Mt 22:30): A Speculative
Treatment on the Hope of the Resurrection of the Body as
Male and Female”

Daniel Slavich, *Cross United Church*, “Undisappointed: Grounding Hope in the Spirit as both Love and Gift”

Online Concurrent Session 2: [Moderator: James Kelly]
*All Presenters will be presenting from **Microsoft Teams***

Jacob Brown, *Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts*,
“Four Catholic Interpretations of Suffering”

Natalie Santucci, *Franciscan University of Steubenville*,
“Life at Gunpoint”

Jason Schwartz, *University of Dallas*, “Trinitarian Foundations of Final Perseverance: St. Maximus the Confessor and Pope Benedict XVI in Dialogue”

6:00 – 7:15 p.m. Dinner: *Guests are welcome to enjoy dinner at their leisure, on their own.*

7:15 p.m. Opening Conference Welcome
O’Bryan Performance Hall

7:30 – 8:45 p.m. Plenary Session 1: [Moderator: Steven Long]
O’Bryan Performance Hall

Michael Dauphinais, *Ave Maria University*, “Hope and Courage in a Time of COVID: Lessons from C. S. Lewis and Thomas Aquinas”

Michael Waldstein, *Franciscan University of Steubenville*, “The Need for Phantasms in Theology: Hans Urs von Balthasar’s Aesthetics with Phantasms of Christ’s Death and Resurrection by Grünewald and Titian”

Friday, February 12

Mass is offered at 7:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., & 5:00 p.m. at Ave Maria Church and at 8:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., & 8:00 p.m. in the Ballroom located in the Student Union.

8:00 a.m. Registration, Prince Building, Outside of the O'Bryan
– 5:00 p.m. Performance Hall

8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Concurrent Session 7: [Moderator: Fr. Joseph Lugalambi]
Paul M. Henkels Academic Building Room 1023

Daniel Garland, *Ave Maria University*, “He Who Eats Me Will Live Because of Me’: Eucharistic Indwelling and Aquinas’ Johannine Theology of the Mission of the Divine Persons”

Rachael Gieger, *Diocese of Nashville, TN*, “Free Me From this World’: An Analysis of Tobit and Sarah’s Prayers for Death Based on Aquinas’ Teachings on Despair and Hope”

Daniel Houck, *John Leland Center for Theological Studies*, “Insignia Regis: Aquinas’s Royal Interpretation of the Image of God”

Concurrent Session 8: [Moderator: Michael De Salvo]
Paul M. Henkels Academic Building Room 1019

Fr. Mike Johns, *Diocese of Little Rock, AR*, “The Dead Will Hear: St. Thomas and the Voice of Christ in the Gospel of John”

James Kelly, *Ave Maria University*, “To Hope as Jesus Hoped: A Christological Consideration”

John Rziha, *Benedictine College*, “The Role of Suffering in the New Evangelization: a Survey of a Few Influential Catholic Authors”

Online Concurrent Session 3: [Moderator: Bailey Shoudt]
*All Presenters will be presenting from **Microsoft Teams***

Jonathan Gaworski, *The Catholic University of America*, “Albertus Magnus and the Personhood of the Separated Soul”

Thomas Graff, *Trinity College, University of Cambridge*, “Predestination to Eternal Friendship? Reviewing Aquinas’s Scriptural Commentaries”

Catherine Yanko, *The Catholic University of America*, “Hope and the Common Good: A Thomistic Defense of the Social Character of Hope”

Online Concurrent Session 4: [Moderator: Tyler Pellegrin]
*All Presenters will be presenting from **Microsoft Teams***

Katie Froula, *Independent Scholar*, “Dying with Christ—
A Mystery Begun in Baptism and Perfected in Death”
Monica Marcelli-Chu, *Regis College*, “The Timeliness of
Hope for Human Activity: Reading Aquinas with Augustine
and Paul”

Randall Smith, *University of St. Thomas*, “From Here to
Eternity: Reflections on Death, Immortality, and Eternal
Life”

10:00 – 11:15 a.m. Plenary Session 2: [Moderator: T. Adam Van Wart]
O’Bryan Performance Hall

Matthew Levering, *University of Saint Mary of the
Lake*, “Christ the New Isaac”

Roger Nutt, *Ave Maria University*, “‘To Die is Gain’: The
‘Remnants of Sin,’ Sacramental Healing, and the
Theological Anthropology of Anointing of the Sick”

11:15 a.m. Lunch: *Guests are welcome to enjoy lunch at their leisure,
– 1:00 p.m. on their own.*

1:00 – 2:15 p.m. Plenary Session 3: [Moderator: Jeffrey Walkey]
O’Bryan Performance Hall

Fr. Bryan Kromholtz, OP, *Dominican School of
Philosophy & Theology*, “The Consummation of the World:
The Beatitude of the Saints and the Corporeal Universe,
according to St. Thomas Aquinas”

Gregory Vall, *Notre Dame Seminary*, “The Perfecting of
Christ’s Humanity and Our Deliverance from the Fear of
Death”

3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Concurrent Session 9: [Moderator: Daniel Lendman]
Paul M. Henkels Academic Building Room 1011

Matthew Ramage, *Benedictine College*, “Evolution and
Eschatology: Jesus Christ as the Omega of Creation in the
Thought of Joseph Ratzinger”

Andrew Swafford, *Benedictine College*, “Messianic
Banquet and the Christian Proclamation: How the Jewish
Backdrop of the Christian Story Addresses the Human
Question”

T. Adam Van Wart, *Ave Maria University*, “*Anima mea
non est ego*: Thomas, Beatitude, and the Human Person”

Concurrent Session 10: [Moderator: Ambrose Bean]
Paul M. Henkels Academic Building Room 1027

Syahryl bin Yazid, *St. John XIII*, “Many Waters Cannot Quench Love: Exploring St. Thomas Aquinas’s Thought on Christ’s Descent into Hell as an Expression of Divine Love”

Joshua Brotherton, *Independent Scholar*, “The Universalist Rationalization of Evil in Bulgakov and Balthasar: A Modern Thomistic Perspective”

Lucy Knouse, *Holy Apostles College and Seminary*, “Suffering Transformed into Praise: Lessons from St Elizabeth of the Trinity, OCD”

Online Concurrent Session 5: [Moderator: Christopher Das]
*All Presenters will be presenting from **Microsoft Teams***

Fr. Matthew Messer, *University of Notre Dame*, “Sicut Angeli’: The Angels as Model of Creaturely Beatitude in Thomas Aquinas”

Taylor Patrick O’Neill, *Mount Mercy University*, “Hope, the “Behovely,” and the Doctrine of Eternal Hell: The Thomism of Julian of Norwich”

Sean Robertson, *Ave Maria University*, “The hope of the glory of the sons of God’ (Rom. 5:2): St. Thomas on adoptive sonship as the cause and fulfillment of Christian hope”

Online Concurrent Session 6: [Moderator: Page Lagarde]
*All Presenters will be presenting from **Microsoft Teams***

Fr. Francis Caponi, OSA, *Villanova University*, “Imperfect Resurrection or Imperfect Redaction? Thomas Aquinas and Contemporary Exegesis on Matthew 27:51-53”

Fr. Dylan Schrader, *Diocese of Jefferson City, MO*, “Luxury and Loss: The Relationship between Chastity and Hope in Aquinas”

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: [Moderator: Roger Nutt]
O’Bryan Performance Hall

Fr. Romanus Cessario, OP, *Ave Maria University*, *Adam Cardinal Maida Professor of Theology*, “Christian Satisfaction and the Dead”

6:30 p.m.

Dinner: *Guests are welcome to enjoy dinner at their leisure, on their own.*

Saturday, February 13

8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Registration, *Prince Building, Outside of the O'Bryan Performance Hall*

8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Mass, *Ballroom located in the Student Union*
Main Celebrant: Fr. Romanus Cessario, OP

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Concurrent Session 11: [Moderator: Mark Heffley]
Paul M. Henkels Academic Building Room 1012

Fr. Ryan Connors, *St. John's Seminary*, "Holy Anointing for Holy Suffering"

Sr. Albert Marie Surmanski, OP, *University of St. Thomas*, "A Sign of Hope: The Sacramental Causality of Christ's Resurrection in Albert the Great"

Jeffrey Walkey, *Ave Maria University*, "It's a Cold and It's Broken Hallelujah': Thomistic Reflections on Anxiety, Depression, and Hopeless Faith"

Concurrent Session 12: [Moderator: Michael De Salvo]
Paul M. Henkels Academic Building Room 1014

Ryan Brady, *Saint John Vianney College Seminary*, "On Truth, Mercy, and the Souls of Unbaptized Infants"

Andrew Kuenstle, *Ave Maria University*, "Aquinas' Account of Salvation through Blood in Christ's Sacrifice"

Lauren Simms, *Southern Methodist University*, "The Darkness of Faith and the Certainty of Hope"

Concurrent Session 13: [Moderator: Paulina Bean]
Paul M. Henkels Academic Building Room 1025

Megan Magyar, *Ave Maria University*, "Happy in Hope: Aristotle and Augustine on Human Nature, the Search for Happiness, and How to Live"

Annie Marcolin, *University of Dallas*, "Made for Hope: Fixing Our Eyes on Another World"

Christopher Rziha, *Benedictine College*, "Teleology and St. Therese of Lisieux: On the Catholic Perspective of Courage, Hope, and Death in the Modern World"

Online Concurrent Session 7: [Moderator: Aaron Henderson]
All Presenters will be presenting from Microsoft Teams

Fr. Francis Adedara, *Seminary of Ss. Peter and Paul, Ibadan*, "Christ's Humanity as Instrumental Efficient Cause of our Resurrection"

Jeffrey Froula, *Saint Patrick's Seminary and Univeristy*,
“Hope and its Twofold Object”

Karina Robson, *Independent Scholar*, “Relationality,
Evil, Affectivity, and Awareness: A Thomistic Anthropology
of Suffering”

10:45 a.m.

– 12:00 p.m.

Plenary Session 4: [Moderator: Fr. Guy Mansini, OSB]
O'Bryan Performance Hall

Fr. Dominic Legge, OP, *Dominican House of Studies*,
“The Remedy for Confused Kenoticism: Aquinas as a
Kenotic Theologian”

Matthew Ramage, *Benedictine College*, “Putting the Last
Adam First: Aquinas, Ratzinger, and Human Origins in
Light of Kenotic Christology”

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch: *Guests are welcome to enjoy lunch at their leisure,
on their own.*

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Plenary Session 5: [Moderator: Gerald Boersma]
O'Bryan Performance Hall

Fr. Nicanor Austriaco, OP, *Providence College*,
“Desiring Eternal and Not Immortal Life: A Response to the
Transhumanist Church of Perpetual Life”

Steven Long, *Ave Maria University*, “The Foundationally
Natural Intelligibility of the *Imago Dei* in the Human
Person and its Implications Regarding the Knowledge of
the Separated Soul”

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Concurrent Session 14: [Moderator: Fr. Robert Garrity]
Paul M. Henkels Academic Building Room 1012

Ivan Bodrožić, *University of Split*, “Perseverance as a
response to the present tribulations according to St.
Thomas Aquinas' Commentary on St. Paul's First Epistle to
the Thessalonians”

Fr. Guy Mansini, OSB, *Ave Maria University*, “Acts 17
and the Structure of Apostolic Hope”

Fr. Sebastian Walshe, *St. Michael's Abbey*, “Martyr or
Mercenary: Whether Christian Hope for Reward
Diminishes the Virtue of the Martyr's Sacrifice”

Concurrent Session 15: [Moderator: Bailey Shoudt]
Paul M. Henkels Academic Building Room 1014

Bradley Cypher, *Ave Maria University*, “Meditating on
Death: The True Philosophy as A Way of Life”

Lauren Dionne, *Mason Classical Academy*, “Why Death Remains and the Communion of Saints: Turning to the Crucifix for Hope”

Marie Ferman, *Ave Maria University*, “Hope as the Proper Passion for Christian Death”

Concurrent Session 16: [Moderator: Andrew Kuenstle]
Paul M. Henkels Academic Building Room 1025

Joel Gallagher, *Mount St. Mary’s University*, “Frank Sheed on the Mysticism of Marxism: Alleviating Suffering and the Problem of Death”

Fr. Joseph Lugalambi, *Ave Maria University*, “An account of John Pau II’s Theology of Redemptive suffering within the framework of his Theology of the Body”

John O’Neill, *Saint John Vianney College Seminary*, “Hope Does not Disappoint: Romans 5 and the Invisible Mission of the Holy Spirit to Wayfarers”

Online Concurrent Session 8: [Moderator: Kara Logan]
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Christopher Brown, *University of Tennessee at Martin*, “Martyrdom, the Death of Young Children, and the Heavenly Reward: A Thomistic Development of a Response to Some Difficult Questions about Evil”

Fr. John Gavin, SJ, *College of the Holy Cross*, “Fast Bound to Death’: Christian and Gnostic Recapitulation in the *Adversus Haereses* of Irenaeus of Lyons”

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Optional Vigil Mass, *Ave Maria Parish Church*

6:00 p.m. Dinner: *Guests are welcome to enjoy dinner at their leisure, on their own.*

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker: [Moderator: Michael Dauphinais]
Ave Maria Parish Church
Free–Separate Registration from the St. Paul Center Required

Scott Hahn, *Franciscan University of Steubenville*, “Hope to Rise: Cultivating Eucharistic Amazement”

8:00 p.m. Closing of the Conference

Sunday, February 14

Mass is offered at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., & 7:30 p.m. at Ave Maria Catholic Church.

Reserve your tickets online at avemariaparish.org/sundaymasssignup.

Mass is also offered on campus at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m. in the Ballroom located in the Student Union.

No reservations are necessary at the campus Masses.

CONFERENCE MISSION:

The COVID-19 global pandemic has accelerated anxiety about the meaning of death and life and so also the need for thoughtful consideration of the realities of Christian hope. Drawing primarily upon the witness of biblical revelation and its reception and formulation in the teachings of Thomas Aquinas, the conference responds to contemporary questions related to suffering, death, and hope for eternal life.



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