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“Realismo morale e legge naturale / Moral Realism and Natural Law,” “Come Insegnare Teologia Morale?,” IX Colloquio di Teologia Morale, Pontificio Istituto Giovanni Paolo II per Studi su Matrimonio e Famiglia (Rome, 21-22 November 2008).

“Pilgrimage Themes in St. Paul,” Annual Workshop for Pilgrimage Coordinators and Shrine Directors, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (Washington, DC, 24 March 2009).

“Organ Donation from the Living and the Order of Charity,” The Ethics of Organ Transplantation, The Center for Thomistic Studies & St. Joseph Medical Center, University of St. Thomas (Houston, TX, 28 March 2009).

“Fear of the Lord: Moral Formation in Aquinas,” 44th International Congress on Medieval Studies (Kalamazoo, MI, 7-10 May 2009).

“Organ Donation and the Beatific Vision: Thomist Moral Theology Confronts the Tide of Relativism,” Dominican House of Studies, Thomistic Circles, Thomism and the Renewal of Contemporary Theology (Washington, D.C., 17 October 2009).

“Aquinas on the Priest: Sacramental Realism,” St. Charles Borromeo Seminary (Overbrook, PA, 11 November 2009).

“Conscience: From the Perspective of Moral Theology,” Conscience: An Interdisciplinary Symposium Examining the Foundation for Bioethics, The Integritas Institute at the University of Illinois at Chicago (Chicago, IL, 20 November 2009).

“Sin and Indulgence,” Engaging Gary Anderson’s Biblical Theology of Sin and Redemption, St. John Vianney Seminary (Denver, CO, 12-13 March 2010).

“Why Doing Bad Things Harm You Even When You Really Think That They Are Good,” 35th Annual Philosophy/Theology Symposium, “Evil, Sin, and Salvation,” Walsh University (North Canton, OH, 19-29 March 2010).

“Harmony of Faith and Reason: The Case of Luis de Molina,” Keynote Address, Symposium, The Role of Philosophy in Priestly

Formation, Mount St. Mary's Seminary (Emmitsburg, MD, 24-25 May 2010).

Baccalaureate Address, Institute for the Psychological Sciences, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (Washington, DC, 25 May 2010).

“How to Present a Thomist Moral Theology Today,” Dominicans and the Challenge of Thomism, Priory of Saint Joseph (Warsaw, Poland, 30 June- 5 July 2010).

“*Ego Sapientia*: The Mariology of Laval Thomism,” Philosophy in Theological Education. A Conference in Honor of Ralph McInerny, Center for the Renewal of Catholic Theology & Aquinas Center, Ave Maria University (Ave Maria, FL, 10-12 February, 2011).

Conferences:

Invited participant, “Il Congresso Internazionale di Theologia Morale: ‘Humanae vitae’: 20 anni Dopo,” 9-12 November 1988, Pontifical Lateran University, Rome.

Invited participant, “ad Litteram: Authoritative Texts and Their Medieval Readers,” 2-4 April 1989, Medieval Institute, University of Notre Dame.

Invited participant, “Nature, Grace and Culture: On Being Catholic in America,” 8-10 May 1989, COMMUNIO, University of Notre Dame.

Invited participant, “The Doctrine of Divine Revelation of Saint Thomas Aquinas,” 4-5 November 1989, Instituut voor Wijsbegeerte en Theologie, Rolduc, Netherlands.

Member, Groupe de travail en vue de l'initiative populaire “Contre l'application abusive des techniques de reproduction et de manipulation génétique à l'espèce humaine,” February-June, 1990, Conférence des Evêques Suisses, Switzerland.

Invited participant, “The Christocentrism of John Paul II in *Redemptoris missio*,” 7 September 1991, COMMUNIO, Washington, DC.

Invited participant, “The Church, Salvation and Mission: A Symposium on World Mission,” 11-13 October 1991, NCCB Committee on the Missions, University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL.

Chair, Sponsoring Committee, “Washington Colloquium on *Veritatis splendor*,” 5 February 1994, NCCB Secretariat for Doctrine and Pastoral Practices, Washington, DC.

Invited participant, “The Crisis of Conscience,” 27-29 May 1994, The Wethersfield Institute, Orvieto, Italy.

Invited participant, “The Church as Mission: The ‘New Evangelization’ and Western Culture,” 9-11 September 1994, COMMUNIO, Washington, DC.

Invited participant, IX° Colloquio Internazionale di Teologia, “Il primo capitolo dell’Enciclica *Veritatis Splendor*,” 15-17 June 1995, Facolta di Teologia di Lugano, Switzerland.

Discussant, Ethics and Catholic Theology Interest Group, 5-7 January 1996, The Society of Christian Ethics, Albuquerque, NM.

Invited participant, “Meetings of the Minds. The Relations between Medieval and Classical Modern European Philosophy,” 14-16 June 1996, Société Internationale pour l’Etude de la Philosophie Médiévale, Boston, MA.

Respondent, “Should Women Be Ordained Priests?,” 23 January 1997, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA.

Invited participant, “Natural Law Theories of Ordered Liberty,” 11-14 June 1998, Liberty Fund colloquium, Charleston, S.C.

Invited participant, “*The Religious Sense* Symposium: Person, Meaning, and Culture in America,” 10-12 September 1998, Georgetown University Conference Center, Washington, DC

Convener, “Surrender and Resistance: The Cross as an Ethic of Risk,” 9 January 1999, The Society of Christian Ethics, San Francisco, CA.

Respondent, “Challenges to Catholic Theology in the New Millennium,” 30 September 2000, “Theology for the New Millennium” Series, Archdiocese of Boston, Boston, MA.

Participant, “Faith and Reason Consultation,” December 2000-2003, Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ.

Convener, Breakfast with an Author, “Mary Solberg, *Compelling Knowledge: A Feminist Proposal for an Epistemology of the Cross*,” 6 January 2001, The Society of Christian Ethics, Chicago, IL.

Moderator, “Catholic Virtues, American Virtues,” 2-3 February 2001, Faith & Reason Institute, Washington, DC.

Discussant, Bradley Medieval Lecture, Fergus Kerr, O.P., “Entity or Event? Thomas Aquinas’s God,” 6 December 2002, Institute of Medieval Philosophy and Theology, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA.

Presenter, “Breakfast with an Author,” *Introduction to Moral Theology*, 11 January 2003, Society of Christian Ethics, Pittsburgh, PA.

Respondent, “The Call to Holiness and Communion: Vatican II on the Church,” 12-15 November 2003, Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, Washington, DC.

Invited participant, “‘Camminare Nella Luce.’ Prospettive della teologia morale a 10 anni da Veritatis Splendor,” 20-22 November 2003, Pontifical Lateran University, Rome.

Presenter, “Breakfast with an Author,” *A Short History of Thomism*, 7 January 2006, The Society of Christian Ethics, Phoenix, AZ.

Director, “Religion, Politics, and Society: Two Revolutions, Two Visions. A Franco-American Dialogue,” 19-20 October 2007, Saint John’s Seminary, Boston, MA.

Invited participant, “Reading Romans with St. Thomas Aquinas. Ecumenical Explorations” 5-7 February 2009, Ave Maria University, Ave Maria, FL.

Presenter, “Breakfast with an Author,” *The Moral Virtues and Theological Ethics, Second Edition*, 9 January 2010, The Society of Christian Ethics, San Jose, CA.

Service to the Profession:

University of Toronto, School of Graduate Studies/PIMS, External Examiner for the doctoral thesis of John Boyle (20 January 1989).

University of Toronto, School of Graduate Studies/PIMS, External Examiner for the doctoral thesis of Andrew Seeley (27 January 1995).

International Catholic Child Bureau, Ad Hoc Group on Child Resilience and Christian Virtues (New York City, 29 April-1 May 1995).

Arnold Hall Conference Center, Pembroke, MA, Sixteenth Annual Seminar for Seminarians, “The People of God-People of Life” (11 April 1996).

Midwest Theological Forum, Valparaiso, IN, Thirteenth Annual Spring Seminar, “Heroic Witness to the Social Doctrine of the Church” (31 March 1997).

Advisory Committee, Certificate in Science and Religion of the Schools of the Boston Theological Institute, (1998-date)

Kenthurst Study Centre, Kenthurst Seminars for Clergy, Sydney, Australia, “In My Father’s House” (19-22 July 1999).

Boston College, Connell School of Nursing, External Examiner for the doctoral thesis of Debra R. Hanna (19 March 2002).

Board of Advisors, *Nova et Vetera*, The English Edition of the International Journal (2003-date).

Advisors to the Editor, *Faith and Reason* (2003-date).

Midwest Theological Forum, Valparaiso, IN, Twentieth Annual Spring Seminar, “Praying the Rosary: A Study on the Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*” (22 April 2003).

Advisory Board, Institute for the Psychological Sciences, Arlington, VA (2003-date).

Compass, Fifth Annual Prince of Liechtenstein Catholic Leaders Fellowship, “The Beatitudes: Crown of the Christian Life,” Kalwang/Admont, Austria (10-11 June 2004)

Tech Catholic Community Monday Night Forum, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA (2005, 23 October 2006, 31 March 2008).

Arnold Hall Conference Center, Pembroke, MA, A Seminar for Priests, “*Mane Nobiscum, Domine!*” (29 March 2005).

Legatus, Weston Country Club, Weston, MA, After-Dinner Talk on Seminary Instruction in Chastity (19 January 2006).

The Board of Governors of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Huntington, NY (2006-2007).

Arnold Hall Conference Center, Pembroke, MA, Second Annual Seminar for Priests, “*Deus Caritas Est*” (18 April 2006).

Advisory Board, Faith and Reason: Studies in Catholic Theology and Philosophy, Sapientia Press (2006-date).

Board of Consulting Editors, *Studies in Christian Ethics* (2008-2013).

The Dean’s Advisory Board, Institute for the Psychological Sciences, Arlington, VA (2009-date).

The Institute for the Psychological Sciences & *Sacerdos*, Priestly Ministry and the Psychological Sciences: A Seminar, “Psychology of Virtue and Pastoral Charity,” (Thornwood, NY, 15 April 2010).

Aquinas House, Catholic Student Center at Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, 2011 Aquinas Lecture, “Faith & Conscience: The Challenges of the Truth,” (30 January 2011).

Current Courses:

Christology; Soteriology; General Sacramental Theory; The Sacraments
Principles of Christian Moral Life; General History of Theological Ethics
The Moral Virtues, Gifts and Beatitudes; The Background, Development, and
Present Status of Catholic Moral Theology: *Veritatis splendor*.
The Theological Virtues: Faith, Hope, and Charity.
Medieval theology; Thomist studies.