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From the Desk of Fr. Bosco, SJ

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As the Christian community moves through the mysteries of Advent into Christmas, the word "joy" becomes part of its vocabulary. Joy is not a word we often use anymore to describe our personal experiences, and in a world fraught with so much darkness and violence, there is hardly a place for it. But the Hebrew language has more words for joy and rejoicing than any other language—and this from a language known for having few words! In the Old Testament, 13 Hebrew roots, found in 27 different words, are used primarily for some aspect of joy or joyful participation in worship. Sometimes we forget that part of the Christian pilgrimage is the duty to be joyful.

We have to remember that even though the world seems to be an ongoing tragedy, even though people and nations are divided, even though we are well aware of our own shortcomings, we rejoice during this season because we sit watchful, waiting for a divine comedy to play out, as Dante called his great work. Indeed, we are asked to play our part in the cosmic drama of God's joy, the birth of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Whether you are running around visiting family and friends, or sharing in moments of prayer and rest this holiday, we here at the Joan and Bill Hank Center share with you our joy this Christmas.



Below you will find highlighted some of our favorite events of the fall semester. Stay tuned as we gear up for new and exciting programs for 2015.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Dr. Mark Bosco, S.J.

UPCOMING EVENT

The Cardinal Newman
Lecture Series

Life in Dialogue with Faith:
The Subtle Complexities of
an Ongoing Conversion

Lecture by
Prof. Colby Dickinson
Loyola University Chicago

Catholic Q&A: Hope for the 21st Century Church

October's "Catholic Q & A" brought over 50 students together for a conversation with Francis Cardinal George.

A student-only event that was co-sponsored by LUC's Catholic Studies Program and Campus Ministry, the afternoon centered on students' hopes and dreams for the Church. After opening remarks by two students in the Catholic Studies Program, Cardinal George then reflected on the many issues facing Catholic college students today and answered questions from the floor.





Francis Cardinal George with LUC students Sebastian Agnoaoe, Katie Melody, and Joe Carroll

Tuesday, February 10
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Coffey Hall
McCormick Lounge
Lake Shore Campus
Loyola University Chicago
1032 W. Sheridan Rd.
Chicago, IL 60660

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John McGreevy & Crossings and Dwellings

The Hank Center hosted a conference and art exhibition commemorating the bicentennial of the restoration of the Society of Jesus in 1814. Scholars engaged questions surrounding the restoration of the Jesuits and the impact of their 'sister builders' in the orders of women religious. Keynote speaker John T.

McGreevy - Dean of the College of Arts and Letters at the University of Notre Dame - offered an insightful, and often humorous analysis of the 19th century Jesuits in the United States.

NPR Journalist Maria Hinojosa speaks at Chicago Catholic Immigrants Conference



Maria Hinojosa-PBS and NPR journalist and producer-gave the keynote address at the Hank Center's "Chicago Catholic Immigrants Conference: The Mexicans." Hinojosa talked to a packed audience of students and faculty about the interconnection between faith, hope, and democracy in the work of Chicago's Latino immigration activists.

America magazine Managing Editor Kerry Weber visits Loyola



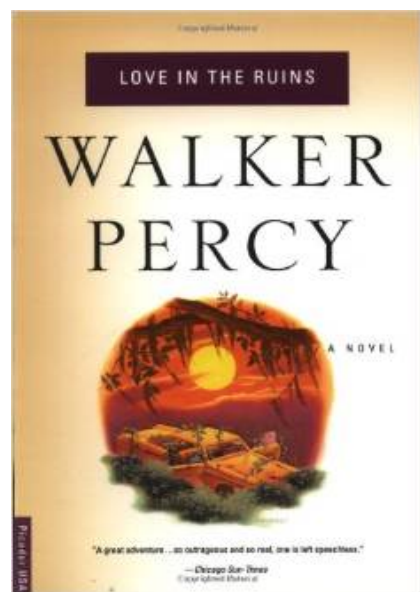
As part of our Catholic Minds, Catholic Matters lecture series, the Hank Center brought to campus Kerry Weber (Managing Editor at America Magazine) to speak about her recent book "Mercy in the City: How to Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Visit the Imprisoned, and Keep Your Day Job." The event focused on Weber's recounting of her attempt to balance her work life, personal life, and faith life in a busy 'modern world.' These three spheres, Weber noted, are not separate from

Kerry Weber, center, visited LUC last September; (L-R) Fr. Mark Bosco, SJ, CCIH Director; Dr. Lisa Reiter, Director of Campus Ministry; Kerry Weber; Ms. Janet Sisler, Director of The Gannon Center for Women and Leadership; Dr. Michael Murphy, Director of Catholic Studies.

each other, but are three distinct, yet intimately intertwined, ways of developing the Jesuit ideal of *cura personalis* - the whole person.

Attention Loyola Faculty:

Sign up for the Hank Center's Spring 2015 Faculty Reading Group. Join us as we read Walker Percy's now classic novel, *Love in the Ruins*, published in 1971. Percy, a Catholic convert and friend to many of the great Catholic writers of mid-century America (Thomas Merton, Jacques Maritain, Dorothy Day), won the National Book Award for his debut novel, *The Moviegoer*, in 1961. Author of nine books of fiction and nonfiction, Percy often explores the spiritual malaise that surrounds modern life. Both entertaining and yet deeply philosophical, *Love in the Ruins* embarks on a hilarious odyssey on the meaning of life. Join us for the ride!



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