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THURSDAY, MARCH 26 • RICHARD J. K. ARCHEK INFORMATION COMMONS

8:30 a.m.  Coffee

9  Welcome
   Reverend Thomas Regan, S.J, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
   Miguel H. Díaz, PhD, John Courtney Murray University
   Chair in Public Service

9:15  Exploring Foundations: History, Scripture, and Popular Catholicism
   "The Turn to Culture and the Words in Front of the Text: Rethinking Eisegetis in Biblical Studies," Jean-Pierre Ruiz, St. John's University
   "Popular Catholicism, sensus fidelium, and the Faith of the Church," Orlando O. Espin, University of San Diego

10:30  Break

10:45  Exploring Human Experiences, Sources, and Loci of Latino/a Theology
   "Las Culturas de lo Cotidiano: Popular Culture as Locus Theologicus," Carmen Nanko-Fernández, Catholic Theological Union
   "The Challenge of a 'Preferential Option' to Faith in a Context of Privilege," Maria Teresa Dávila, Andover Newton Theological School
   "(De)Ciphering Mestizaje, Encrypting Lived Faith," Néstor Medina, Regent University

Noon  Lunch

1:45 p.m.  Theologizing Latinamente: Jesus, Mary, and God
   "Jesus, Our Companion," Roberto S. Golzeta, Boston College
   "Your Caridad del Cobre is not my Guadalupe, but Let's Share La Leche: Expressions of Latino/a Theological Roots in Images of Breast Milk," Neomi De Anda, University of Dayton
   "God-Who-Crosses: Migration, Exile, and the Preferential Option for the Marginalized and Oppressed," Miguel H. Díaz, Loyola University Chicago

3  Break

3:15  Enlaces: A conversation with His Eminence Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi on "The Preferential Option for Culture in Latino/a Theology"

4  Reception