Healing the Wounds of Violence:
How to Understand and Respond to Religious and Political Violence

One of the most troubling issues today is the use of violence – of different kinds – in the name of religion. While much media coverage is concerned with one religion in particular, Islam, violence is (and always has been) a question and problem for any religion. One main purpose of the colloquium will be to develop a better understanding of the phrase: “Religion and Violence.” For it matters if religion, or one of the many faces of religions, is associated immediately with violence, or, vice versa, if (international) violence is immediately associated with religion. Theology needs to reflect upon the tension between the norm and/or ideal of love and peace in and through religion, and violence and conflict/war as a reality that believers of all religions are not only faced with but engage in.

Marc Chagall, Cain et Abel, 1960

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Keynote Lecture by Fr. Michael Pfleger
Monday, April 18, 2016, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

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