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Presents

A Conference on
Catholic Social Thought

**PARTNERS IN A SACRED TRUST:
THE CHURCH AND THE WORKER
IN THE MODERN WORLD**

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"[M]odern unions grew up from the struggle of the workers . . . to protect their *just rights* vis-à-vis the entrepreneurs and the owners . . . Their task is to defend the existential interests of workers in all sectors in which their rights are concerned. The experience of history teaches that organizations of this type are an indispensable *element of social life* . . .

"Catholic social teaching does not hold that unions are no more than a reflection of the "class" structure of society and that they are a mouthpiece for the class struggle which inevitably governs social life. They are indeed a *mouthpiece for the struggle for social justice*, for the just rights of people in accordance with their individual professions. However, this struggle should be seen as an endeavor "for" the just good . . . *not a struggle "against" others* . . . It is characteristic of work that it first and foremost unites people. In this consists its social power: the power to build a community. In the final analysis, both those who work and those who manage the means of production or who own them must in some way be united in this community. . . .

"Man has the right to leave his native land for various motives . . . in order seek better conditions of life in another country. This fact . . . generally constitutes a loss for the country which is left behind. . . . [I]t is the loss of a *subject of work*, whose efforts could contribute to the common good of his own country, but . . . are instead offered to another . . .

"Nevertheless, even if emigration is in some aspects an evil, in certain circumstances it is . . . a necessary evil. Everything should be done to prevent this material evil from causing greater *moral harm* . . .

"The most important thing is that the person working away from his native land . . . should not be *placed at a disadvantage* . . . in the matter of working rights . . . As regards the work relationship, the same criteria should be applied to emigrant workers as to all other workers . . ."

John Paul II
On Human Work, §§20.2-3; 23. 1-3.

☞ PROGRAM ☞
Claeys Lounge

9:00 - 9:45 AM
REGISTRATION & COFFEE

9:45 - 10:00 AM
WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Dr. Stephen Woolpert, Dean
School of Liberal Arts, Saint Mary's College

John S. Cummins, D.D., Bishop Emeritus of Oakland
Nathaniel Seefurth Fellow, Saint Mary's College

Br. Michael Meister, FSC,
Master of Ceremonies

10:00 - 11:00 AM
DOES LABOR STILL HAVE PRIORITY
IN CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT?

Professor Robert G. Kennedy
University of St. Thomas

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
INHABITING THE LAND:
THE RIGHT TO MIGRATE IN
CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT

Professor Andrew Yuengert
Pepperdine University

☞ Moraga Room ☞
12:15 - 1:30 PM

LUNCHEON BUFFET

TRIBUTE TO JOHN F. HENNING

Ernest S. Pierucci, Esq.
Founder and Advisor, John F. Henning Institute

Archie Green
Folklorist

John F. Henning, Jr., Esq.
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♪ Claeys Lounge ♪
1:45 - 3:00 PM

CATHOLIC INSTITUTIONS & LABOR TODAY

**Panel: Responding to Workers' Needs at
Saint Mary's College**

Chair: Dr. Roy E. Allen, Dean
School of Economics & Business Administration
Saint Mary's College

Peter Tappeiner, Daniela Simunovic,
Matt Carroll, Mary Vue

**Personal Reflections on the Migrant Ministry
of the Church**

Most Reverend Stephen Blaire
Bishop of Stockton

**Culture Wars and the Organizing of
Catholic Latinos**

Rev. George Schultze-Grijalva, SJ
University of San Francisco

3:15 - 4:15 PM

LIVING A COMMITMENT TO THE WORKER

María Elena Durazo
President, UNITE HERE, Local 11, AFL-CIO

4:15 - 4:30 PM

JOHN F. HENNING INSTITUTE AWARD

In Recognition of Distinguished Service
"for the Dignity of Work and the Worker"

María Elena Durazo

Presenter: S. A. Cortright
Professor of Philosophy
Senior Fellow, John F. Henning Institute

5:15 PM

♪ Saint Mary's College Chapel ♪

MASS

Most Reverend Stephen Blaire, Principal Celebrant
Concelebrating, Rev. George Schultze-Grijalva, SJ, and
Rev. Tom McElligott, St. Mary's College Campus Ministry

Music by Coro Hispano de San Francisco
Juan Pedro Gaffney, Director

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SPEAKERS

Robert G. Kennedy, Ph. D. (Notre Dame) is Associate Professor of Management and Catholic Studies at the University of Saint Thomas (St. Paul, Minnesota), where he also serves as Co-director of the Terrance J. Murphy Institute for Catholic Thought, Law and Public Policy. Dr. Kennedy writes extensively on Christian social thought and management in both scholarly and popular journals.

Andrew Yuengert, Ph.D. (Yale) is Duggan Professor of Economics (Seaver College, Pepperdine University) and President of the Association of Christian Economists. His recent titles include *Inhabiting the Land: A Case for the Right to Migrate* (Acton Institute) and *The Boundaries of Technique* (Lexington Press).

The 12th of 14 children, **Most Reverend Stephen Blaire** was ordained to the priesthood in 1967, served successively in pastoral, teaching, and chancery assignments in his native Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles in 1990. He was installed Bishop of Stockton on March 16, 1999, and is the current President of the California Catholic Conference.

Rev. George Schultze-Grijalva, SJ, studied industrial relations (Cornell) and was an agent for the National Labor Relations Board before entering the Jesuit Order. His writings on Catholic social thought, labor organizing, and the Mondragon cooperatives focus on economic development via job creation.

María Elena Durazo, President of UNITE HERE, Local 11 (AFL-CIO) and Executive Vice President of UNITE HERE International, is the daughter of Hispanic immigrants. She earned her Baccalaureate from St. Mary's College (1975) and her Juris Doctorate from the People's College of Law (1985). Her leadership promotes concrete improvement in employees' working lives and worker participation in shaping the politics and economics of local communities.

PANEL: **Roy E. Allen** researches financial issues: globalization, East-West trade, trade restraints. **Peter Tappeiner** (SMC '03) and **Daniela Simunovic** (SMC '05), who spearheaded the successful students' drive for a College just wage policy, remain advocates for labor, as an Organizer and Intern, respectively, for the Health Care Service Workers, SEIU, Local 250. **Mary Vue** (SMC '04) and **Matt Carroll**, General Manager for Sodexo Campus Services, have teamed to bring Equal Exchange—grower co-op—products to SMC dining venues.

THE JOHN F. HENNING INSTITUTE "for the Dignity of Work and the Worker"

Founded on the conviction that philosophical discourse and scholarship are essential to the pursuit of the common good, the Institute promotes scholarly exploration of Catholic social thought, as developed in the Papal Encyclicals from *Rerum novarum* forward. Hence, the Institute:

... encourages and presents scholarship in Catholic social thought through lectures, conferences, and publications;

... encourages exchange between students of Catholic social teaching and practitioners in labor relations, business, public policy, communications, and allied areas;

... encourages exploration of the relationship between Catholic social teaching and the heritage of Saint John Baptist De La Salle;

... works to establish Saint Mary's College as a center for Catholic social thought.

Lodged in the Department of Philosophy and the John S. Cummins Institute, JFH seeks to be the vehicle for all that Catholic social thought can contribute to emphatically liberal-Catholic-Lasallian education at Saint Mary's College.

JOHN F. HENNING

The Institute is inspired in its orientation and its efforts by the life and work of John F. Henning, '38, former United States Under-Secretary of Labor and Ambassador to New Zealand, for 26 years Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO. Throughout a distinguished public career and a private life filled with benefactions, Mr. Henning has passionately pursued the common good in light of the principles of Catholic social teaching. He is a living reminder that forceful advocacy, adherence to the highest standards of conduct, and reliance on civil discourse at the level of first principles need never be strangers one to another.