# The Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage

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# Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Join us as we continue to explore the Catholic intellectual and artistic heritage in the coming months. Gregory Wolfe is here Feb. 20 for our second annual *Cardinal Newman Lecture*, "Shouts or Whispers? A Journey through Catholic Letters Today." One of the most articulate commentators on the relationship between art, artists, and Christian faith today, Wolfe will chart his own discovery of Catholic arts and letters as sources for his scholarly vocation.

The following week the Hank Center, in cooperation with Loyola Libraries, will host our faculty *Lunch with LUMA Series* on Feb. 26. Pamela Ambrose, Loyola's Director of Cultural Affairs, joins us in the Klarchek Information Commons to talk about the Edward Gorey exhibition at LUMA, the first major exhibit of the artist's work in his hometown of Chicago.

Two events in March to put on your calendar now: The Hank Center continues its series, *Catholicism and the Arts*, with the renowned actor Richard Austin. He will offer a lecture entitled "Poetry as Prayer" on Wednesday, March 12 and deliver a one-man performance of the poetry of the Gerard Manley Hopkins on Thursday, March 12.

Finally, we invite you to a daylong symposium on March 27, *Habemus Papam +1: The First Year of Pope Francis*. The panelists - John Allen, Vaticanologist and CNN reporter, the Hon. Miguel Diaz, former US Ambassador to the Holy See, and many others - will offer an assessment of the pope's first year as Bishop of Rome.

See below for more details of our many programs.

All good things, Mark Bosco, S.J.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

SYMPOSIUM
Habemus Papam +1
The First Year of
Pope Francis



Thursday, March 27

Keynote Speaker

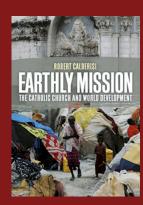
John L. Allen Jr. The Boston Globe Associate Editor

Loyola University Chicago 1032 W. Sheridan Rd. Chicago, IL 60660

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#### PANEL DISCUSSION

Catholicism, Global Development, and the Professional Life



Wednesday, April 2 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**Guest Speaker** 

Robert Calderisi writer and economist

# THE CARDINAL NEWMAN LECTURE SERIES



# SHOUTS OR WHISPERS? A Journey through Catholic Letters Today



Gregory Wolfe
Seattle Pacific University
Writer, teacher, publisher, and editor of the journal Image



### **Lunch with LUMA**

Edward Gorey: The Cautionary Tale and Unlikely Redemption

Wednesday, February 26 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM

Information Commons, 4th Floor Loyola University Chicago 1032 W.Sheridan Rd. Chicago, IL 60660



Pamela Ambrose, Loyola's

Director of Cultural Affairs will discuss the work of author and illustrator Edward Gorey and the current <u>LUMA</u> exhibitions *Elegant Enigmas: the Art of Edward Gorey*, organized by the Edward Gorey Trust, and *G is for Gorey-C for Chicago: the Collection of Thomas Michalak.* 

Edward Gorey is well known for his work as a teller of the cautionary tale, reminiscent of the emphasis on teaching life lessons in fairy tales, and in parables from the Bible. Edward Gorey's work often focuses on the

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unfairness of life, the random accident, and the penalties we might suffer for daring. Using examples of his work, Ambrose builds a case for Edward Gorey to be interpreted in the spiritual context of both the Christian parable of the New Testament and Zen literary practices to further a Buddhist spiritual advancement.

#### Learn more about LUMA

LUC Faculty only. RSVP required. Please contact CCIH for more formation.

## Catholicism and the Arts Series with Richard Austin

Lecture: Poetry as Prayer Wednesday, March 12 3:30PM -5:00PM

Performance: Back to Beauty's Giver- Gerard Manley Hopkins Thursday, March 13 7:00PM - 8:30PM

Mundelein Center, 4th Floor, Palm Court Loyola University Chicago 1032 W. Sheridan Rd. Chicago, IL 60660



The Hank Center is fortunate to bring to campus the noted English actor and performer **Richard Austin**. Austin's specialty is the performance of poetry, especially the poetry of the Jesuit Gerard Manley Hopkins. Widely acclaimed as "the finest performer of Hopkins' poetry today," Austin will contribute to the Hank Center's annual forum on *Catholicism and the Arts* by giving a public lecture on "Poetry as Prayer" and then staging his one-man show "Back to Beauty's Giver."

Trained at the East 15 Acting School in London, Richard Austin was soon on the stage - England, Wales, Scotland, with world tours to Asia and the Middle East - and on television. But he had always had a deep and intensely personal passion for the poems of Hopkins, and in the last two decades his chief creative endeavor has been to transmit that passion to others through his performances. He has committed all of Hopkins's poems to memory and then crafted from them the one-man show "Back to Beauty's Giver," which tells the story of Hopkins's life and spiritual progress through his poetry. Austin has performed Hopkins's poetry in Italy, Ireland, England, Wales, and Canada, and here in the U.S.

Noted Hopkins scholar Joseph Feeney, S.J., writes that Hopkins's poems "cry out for vocal performance." Having heard many performances, he notes, "Richard Austin tops them all." Feeney goes on to add that Austin "has spent years with these poems, tasting them, listening to them, sharing his life with them. He knows their rhythms, their sounds, their meanings."

Events are free and open to the general public.



### **Catholic Studies Corner**

Making Sense of what is Thrown Away: The First Annual John Courtney Murray, S.J. Forum

Monday, March 31 Loyola University Chicago 1032 W. Sheridan Rd. Chicago, IL 60660

We have created a "throw away" culture which is now spreading. It is no longer simply about exploitation and oppression, but something new. Exclusion ultimately has to do with what it means to be a part of the society in which we live. Those excluded are no longer society's underside or its fringes or its disenfranchised-they are no longer even a part of it. The excluded are not the "exploited" but the outcast, the "leftovers."

--Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 53

Catholic Studies Minors will host the first annual John Courtney Murray, S.J. Forum, a day-long event. This student-centered forum is to share ideas, engage in debate and discussion, and grow in knowledge and compassion by delving into the topic of "Disposable Culture and our World Today."

Pope Francis has spent much of his first year as pope discussing the world in which we live and calling for a return to loving compassion for the poor, the earth, and all that we so easily dispose of in our culture today. Inspired by Pope Francis, the JCM Forum aims to provide the Loyola community with a fresh take on the topic of disposable culture seen through the eyes of thoughtful undergraduate students. Catholic Studies minors will present on disposable culture from a variety of academic locations and points of view: theology, art, science, politics, communication, social sciences, and more.

A detailed program of the day will be published in next month's newsletter. All are welcome to attend!

For more information contact Catholic Studies Program

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# **About the Center**

The Joan and Bill Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage exists to help faculty and students recognize and research Roman Catholic thought and its link to all academic disciplines in the university. It also seeks to convey that thought to other audiences inside and outside Loyola University Chicago.