



## From the Desk of Fr. Mark Bosco, S.J.

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The Hank Center is in the home stretch of its programming for the semester, climaxing next week with our third in a series of conferences on Catholic immigration in Chicago. This year, the conference looks at the historical, cultural, and religious influence of the Polish-American community. It is often said that the second largest Polish city in the world is Chicago—that only Warsaw has a larger concentration of Poles. I can believe it as I see their presence on Loyola's campus each year. I usually have at least one or two students in my undergraduate courses that still speak Polish at home. Some of my students came over with their families after the fall of Communism; others are third and fourth generation Polish-Americans who still know their language and celebrate many of their Polish customs. Organized by Loyola's director of Polish Studies, Bozena McLees, it has been an enlightening experience for me, as I see just how deeply this community has impacted Chicago.

One of the plenary speakers for this conference is the renowned Chicago writer, Stuart Dybek, who just happens to be a Loyola alum. His award-winning collection, *The Coast of Chicago*, weaves together a patchwork of stories that offer the reader a glimpse of Chicago life, especially in the 1960s and 70s. Join us for his talk Saturday morning at 9:30 in McCormick Lounge. All are welcome.

We end the semester with our Faith in Focus Film Series. We will be screening two films, and they each have a Loyola connection. First, the documentary film, *The Fourth Partition*, directed and produced by alum Adrian Prawica, details the key role that Chicago Poles played in supporting Poland's fight for independence. Second, the film, *Full of Grace*, the work of alum T. J. Berden, imaginatively creates the story of Mary after the resurrection of Jesus and her role in the early years of the Church.

Please join us for these events. We hope to see you there.

All good things,  
Fr. Mark

## UPCOMING CONFERENCE

The Challenge of God:  
Continental Philosophy  
and Catholic Intellectual  
Heritage



14-16 April, 2016

In the past decade or more we have seen a number of significant continental thinkers engage with religious themes in ways both productive and insightful.

Yet, and in a more focused manner, what can continental philosophy teach us about the Catholic intellectual heritage?

How can Catholic teachings - especially those associated with the Ignatian tradition - contribute to the further development of continental thought?

This international and interdisciplinary conference aims to address these questions from a variety of angles, hoping to produce a deeper and sustained engagement with both continental philosophical discourses and the Catholic intellectual heritage.

For further information on the conference, please check out any of the following links to conference social media:

[Conference Tumblr Page](#)  
[Conference Twitter Feed](#)  
[Conference Facebook Page](#)

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## Faith in Focus Film Series The Fourth Partition

Wednesday, November 11  
7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Damen Cinema  
Damen Student Center  
Loyola University Chicago  
1032 W. Sheridan Rd.  
Chicago, IL 60660

### Official Movie Trailer

At the Dawn of the 20th century, Chicago was the second largest city in the United States with over 2,000,000 residents. It was also the center of Polish culture and political activism in America. With Poland partitioned between Russia, Austria and Germany,

over 4,000,000 Poles immigrated to the United States between 1870 and 1920 in search of a better life. In Chicago, they worked in some of the most dangerous factories and mills in the United States. In their neighborhoods, they built communities, churches, and most of all, aided their beloved Poland in her fight for independence. Their story is known as the "Fourth Partition".

Post Screening Discussion with the movie director, editor, cinematographer and Loyola alumnus Adrian Prawica.

Event is free and open to the general public.

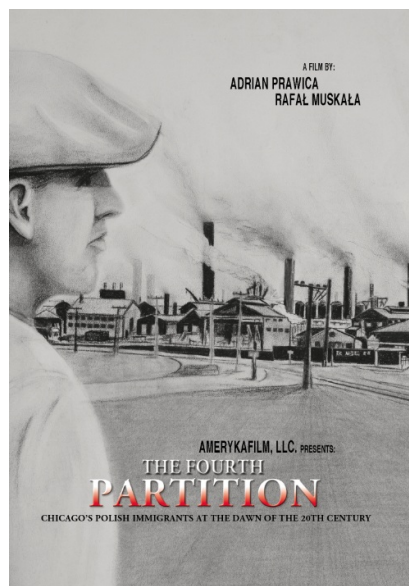


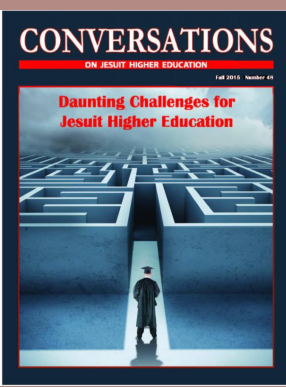
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## The 2015 Chicago Catholic Immigrants Conference: The Poles

November 13-14  
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

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

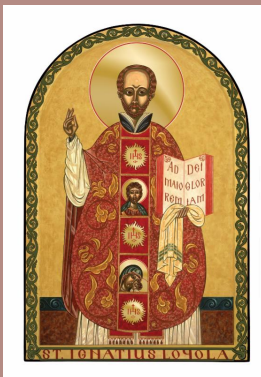
The Polish community's connection with the Catholic Church is the focus of the upcoming Chicago Catholic Immigrants Conference: The Poles on Nov. 13 and 14



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at Loyola University Chicago.

The conference features keynote speakers Bishop Andrew Wypych and second-generation Polish American writer of fiction and poetry Stuart Dybek.

Prominent scholars from disciplines such as history, social ethics, sociology, and political science will share their insights into, and research on, the Polish American heritage and experience in Chicago. Among the speakers are Dr. Mary Erdmans (Associate Professor of Sociology, Case Western Reserve University), Dr. James Pula (Professor of History, Purdue University), Dr. John Pawlikowski, OSM (Professor of Social Ethics, Catholic Theological Union), Dr. Dominic A. Pacyga (Professor of History, Columbia College Chicago), and Robert Kostro (historian and publicist, Museum of Polish History). The conference will present nine panels on subjects ranging from the history of Polish immigration to Chicago to the portrayal of the Polish experience in literature and visual arts.

"This is the first comprehensive conference examining the Catholic heritage of Poles in Chicago," says Professor Bozena Nowicka McLees, director of Loyola's Interdisciplinary Polish Studies Program.

The conference culminates with a Polish and English Mass on Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Madonna della Strada Chapel on campus.

This is the third such Catholic heritage conference sponsored by the Joan and Bill Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage. Previous conferences examined the role of Catholicism in the Italian and Mexican communities.

**Event is free, but registration is required.**  
**For more information or to register follow [the link](#).**

## Faith in Focus Film Series Full of Grace

**Tuesday, November 17**  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Damen Cinema**  
**Damen Student Center**  
Loyola University Chicago  
1032 W. Sheridan Rd.  
Chicago, IL 60660

### [Official Movie Trailer](#)

Recipient of the "Faith Friendly Seal" for all ages by The Dove Foundation, the artfully made Biblical epic unfolds the Gospel through a mother's point of view. Written and directed by Andrew Hyatt (*The Last Light*), *Full of Grace* is an exciting reconstruction of the lives of Peter and the early Christians after the resurrection.

After immaculately conceiving the Son of God, fleeing into Egypt, losing him in the temple, and seeing him placed upon the cross, *Full of Grace* follows The Virgin Mary (Bahia Haifi) as she lives her final earthly days pondering her life with Jesus Christ. Set ten years after the resurrection, Mary and her maidservant Zara (Kelsey Chow), eagerly await the return of the apostle Peter (Noam Jenkins), who arrives at Mary's home after years of traveling, preaching and narrowly escaping death. Peter expresses the overwhelming responsibility of preaching the word amidst heresies and conflict. Providing the encouragement that only a mother can, Peter re-discovers the truth: he is not leading, he is following and walking in the light of God.

Garnering resounding acclaim from faith-based leaders across denominations, the producers had a private audience with Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and support from the Bishop of Tucson to evangelical pastors in Los Angeles. The drama has also enraptured audiences at screenings in Illinois, Ohio, New York and Florida and the 2015 Napa Institute Conference, while also receiving a standing ovation at the Hispanic Leadership Conference in Tucson.

**Post Screening Discussion with Dr. Elizabeth Coffman, School of Communication, LUC and Producer, [Loyola Alumni T.J. Berden](#)**



Event is free and open to general public.

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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.