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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Four Points by Sheraton Culver City
5990 Green Valley Circle, Culver City, CA 90230

Thursday, March 19, 2026

3:00 pm	President's Welcome and Address
4:00 pm	Opening Mass
7:00-9:00 pm	Concurrent Session I
9:00 pm	Presidents' Reception

Friday, March 20, 2026

8:30 am	Mass
9:30-11:30 am	Concurrent Session II
11:30 am	Lunch
1:00-3:00 pm	Concurrent Session III
3:15-4:15 pm	First Plenary
4:15-5:15 pm	Second Plenary
5:15-7:30 pm	Dinner
7:30-9:30 pm	Concurrent Session IV
9:30 pm	Reception

Saturday, March 21, 2026

at Loyola Marymount University

8:30 am	Bus to Loyola Marymount
9:00-11:00 am	Concurrent Session V
11:00 am-12:30 pm	Business Meeting and Lunch
12:30-2:30 pm	Concurrent Session VI
2:45-3:45 pm	Third Plenary
3:45-4:45 pm	Fourth Plenary
5:00 pm	Closing Mass
6:00 pm	Reception and Banquet
8:00 pm	Bus returns to hotel

Thursday, March 19, 2026

3:00 pm President's Welcome and Address

Location:

James Jacobs, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans: "The Wheat and the Tares: Political Crises and the Discernment of the Natural Law"

4:00 pm Opening Mass

Location: Marina B

Celebrant: Columban Hall, OP (Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus)

5:00-7:00 pm Dinner

----- Concurrent Session I: 7:00-9:00 pm -----

Session 1: The Limits of Moral Freedom

Location: Culver

Chair: James Jacobs (Notre Dame Seminary)

Herbert Hartmann (Independent Scholar): "Prudence as Human Practical Wisdom"

Michael Morris (University of South Florida): "Aurel Kolnai on Liberal Democracy"

Francis Feingold (Kenrick-Glennon Seminary): "Was Lucifer's 'Non-Consideration of the Rule' a Defect of Intellect or of Will?"

Edmund Pellegrino (2005)
Rev. Robert Sokolowski (2004)
Alasdair MacIntyre (2003)
Michael Novak (2002)
Bernard E. Doering (2001)
Jude P. Dougherty (2000)
Mortimer J. Adler (1988)

Humanitarian Service

Timothy and Rebecca Shah (2023)
Abp. Charles Chaput, OFM Cap. (2018)
Mark and Louise Zwick (2016)
Eva Muntean & Dolores Meehan (2015)
W. David Solomon (2011)
Richard L. Jusseaume (2010)
Sean Patrick Cardinal O'Malley, OFM. Cap. (2008)
Alice Osberger (2007)
Kenneth Whitehead (2006)
Hamilton Reed Armstrong (2005)
Francis Slade (2004)
Raymond Dennehy (2003)
Ralph McInerny (2002)
Anthony O. Simon (2001)
Theodore M. Hesburgh, CSC (2000)
Charles Jones (1997)
Herbert Jones (1996)
William J. Bennett (1995)
John Cardinal O'Connor (1994)

Lifetime Achievement

Romanus Cessario, OP (2025)
Matthew L. Lamb (2016)
Joseph D. Fessio, SJ (2015)
James V. Schall, SJ (2014)
Anthony O. Simon (2011)
Ralph M. McInerny (2010)
Victor B. Brezik, CSB (2009)
William Schickel (2007)
Leo Elders (2006)
Jude P. Dougherty (2005)

PAST PRESIDENTS

Donald A. Gallagher 1977—1987
Raymond Leo Dennehy 1987—1994
Deal Hudson 1994—1997
Curtis Hancock 1997—2000
John G. Trapani, Jr. 2000—2001
Alice Ramos 2001—2004
Ralph McInerney 2004—2006
John G. Trapani, Jr. 2006—2012
Michael D. Torre 2012—2016
James Hanink 2016—2022

Founders Award

Raymond Leo Dennehy (2015)
Anthony O. Simon (2012)
Donald A. Gallagher (1987)

Anthony O. Simon Award

James Hanink (2023)
Michael D. Torre (2016)
Gavin T. Colvert (2015)
Giuseppe Butera (2014)
John G. Trapani, Jr. (2012)

Scholarly Excellence

Russell Hittinger (2024)
John Rist (2022)
Thomas Weinandy, OFM Cap. (2019)
Brian Davies, OP (2016)
René and Dominique Mougél (2015)
Mary Prudence Allen, RSM (2014)
Msgr. John F. Wippel (2012)
Kenneth L. Schmitz (2011)
Thomas S. Hibbs (2010)
John Deely (2009)
Joseph W. Koterski, SJ (2008)
John M. Dunaway (2007)
Lawrence Dewan, OP (2006)
James V. Schall, SJ (2005)

The Simplicity of Angelic Knowledge and the Limits of Intellectualist Libertarianism”

Session 2. Christianity and History

Location: Marina A

Chair: Richard Cain (Independent Scholar)

Francisco E. Plaza (Holy Apostles College & Seminary):
“Jacques Maritain on the Philosophy of History and Need for a Christian Historian”

Francis Fast (Alberta Classical Academy): “Thomas Aquinas and the Loci of History”

Megan Furman (Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology): “‘A Genuine Philosophy of History’ Requires Sound First Principles: Revisiting Time and Eternity”

9:00 pm Presidents’ Reception

Location: Marina B

Friday, March 20, 2026

8:30 am: Mass
Location: Marina B
Celebrant: Bruno Shah, OP (Providence College)

----- Concurrent Session II: 9:30-11:30 am -----

Session 3: The Power of Creativity

Location: Culver

Chair: John G. Trapani (Walsh University, Emeritus)

Christopher Grey (Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology and London School of Theology): “Contemporary Technocracy and the Christian Commitment to Sacrament: The Testimony of David Jones”

Stephen Chamberlain (Rockhurst University): “Expanding Thomistic Imagination: A Dialectic Between Past and Present”

Kathleen Curtis (Faulkner University): “Maritain on Poetry, Meaning, and the Human Soul”

Session 4: Maritain’s Development of Thomistic Natural Law

Location: Marina A

Chair: Francis Feingold (Kenrick-Glennon Seminary)

Denis Scrandis (Independent Scholar): “Aquinas, Maritain, and Dewan on Natural Law”

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Fourth Plenary: 3:45-4:45 pm

Location: Featherstone Life Sciences 120

Chair: Brendan Sweetman (Rockhurst University)

Edward Feser (Pasadena City College): "The Epistemology of Microphysics"

5:00 pm

Closing Mass

Location: Sacred Heart Chapel

Celebrant: Brian Reedy, SJ (Loyola Marymount University)

6:00 pm

Reception and Banquet

Location: The Hill (Malone 460)

Welcome

Graduate Student Award

Academic Excellence Award

Founders Award

Announcement of the 2027 Conference

8:00 pm

Bus returns to hotel

James Hanink (Independent Scholar): "Missteps in the Ethics of St. Thomas Aquinas"

Grady Edward Stuckman (Bowling Green State University): "Promoting the Natural Law: Neither Liberal nor Anti-Liberal Perfectionism"

11:30 am: Lunch

----- Concurrent Session III: 1:00-3:00 pm -----

Session 5: The Intelligibility of History

Location: Culver

Chair: Gregory J. Kerr (DeSales University)

Justin Gable, OP (Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology): "Freedom and Intelligibility: Jacques Maritain and Pope Benedict XVI on the Contingency of History"

Randall B. Smith (University of St. Thomas (TX)): "Maritain: History in Opposition to the Hegelians"

Januarius Asongu (St. Monica University, Cameroon): "Reading the Signs of the Post-Truth Era: Jacques Maritain, History, and the Promise of Critical Synthetic Realism"

Session 6: Knowledge of the Natural and the Supernatural

Location: Marina A

Chair: Carl Vater (Saint Vincent College)

Paul S. Julienne (University of Maryland): "Saving the Appearances: De Koninck, Maritain, and Eddington's Two Tables"

Richard Cain (Independent Scholar): "Reading the Ontological Signs in Modern Physics: Maritain, Corporeity, and the Recovery of Substantial Form"

Christopher Cullen, SJ (Fordham University): "The Survivalist- Corruptionist Debate Among the Thomists: An Overview and Assessment"

Session 7: Gabriel Marcel Society: The Perennial Tradition and the Criticism of Contemporary Culture: Insights from Gabriel Marcel

Location: Marina B

Chair: William J. Fossati, Independent Scholar

Brendan Sweetman (Rockhurst University)

Margaret Mullan (East Stroudsburg University)

R. Douglas Geivett (Emeritus, Biola University)

Session 13: History and Eschatology

Location: Pereira Hall 201

Chair: Michael Torre (University of San Francisco)

Richard Cain (Independent Scholar): "Toward a Metaphysical Typology of the Signs of the Times: A Thomistic Defense of Discernment against Alternative Models"

Bruno Shah, OP (Providence College): "Modernity as the Mystery of Judgment: *De Ecclesia in Mundo Huius Temporis*"

Nikolaj Zunic (St. Jerome's University): "Can Evil Thwart God's Good Works? Reflections from St. Augustine, C. S. Lewis and Jacques Maritain"

----- PLENARY ADDRESSES: 2:45-4:45 pm ----

Third Plenary: 2:45-3:45 pm

Location: Featherstone Life Sciences 120

Chair: Matthew Miner (Byzantine Seminary of SS Cyril and Methodius)

John Finley (Thomas Aquinas College): "Aquinas in the Contemporary Age: Human Integrity and Dissolution"

Columban Hall, OP (Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus): “John Wippel and the Confusion of Logic and Metaphysics”

John G. Trapani, Walsh University, Emeritus, “The Indispensable Role of Love in Metaphysics: A Second Look at Jacques Maritain’s Essay, ‘The Majesty and Poverty of Metaphysics’”

11:00 am-12:30 pm: **Business Meeting and Lunch**
Location: The Hill (Malone 460)

---- Concurrent Session VI: 12:30-2:30 pm----

Session 12: The Action of the Intellect

Location: Pereira Hall 200

Chair: Herbert Hartmann (Independent Scholar)

Dennis Polis (Independent Scholar): “Four Reflections on the Agent Intellect”

Scott Roniger (Loyola Marymount University): “Is Truthing a Transitive or Immanent Activity?”

Matthew Miner (Byzantine Seminary of SS Cyril and Methodius): “Thinking in Time: Human Knowledge, Practice, and History”

----- PLENARY ADDRESSES: 3:15-5:15 pm ----

First Plenary: 3:15-4:15 pm

Location: Marina B

Chair: James Jacobs (Notre Dame Seminary)

Steven D. Smith (University of San Diego Law School): “Reading the Signs of the Times: Sorokin, MacIntyre, Maritain”

Second Plenary: 4:15-5:15 pm

Location: Marina B

Chair: Scott Roniger (Loyola Marymount University)

Christopher Kaczor (Loyola Marymount): “A Thomism for Today: Learning from McCormick, MacIntyre, and McInerney”

5:15-7:30: Dinner

----- Concurrent Session IV: 7:30-9:30 pm -----

Session 8: The Primacy of Being in Epistemology

Location: Culver

Chair: Matthew Miner (Byzantine Seminary of SS Cyril and Methodius)

Gregory J. Kerr (DeSales University): “Diagnosis: The Healing of Reason”

Anne Frances Le, OP (Diocese of Fort Worth): "From *Cogito* Back to *Esse*: Maritain on Restoring Faith and Reason in the Intellectual Life"

Carl Vater (Saint Vincent College): "Aquinas and Deely on Agent Intellect"

Session 9: Maritain and Contemporary Catholic Culture

Location: Marina A

Chair: Justin Gable, OP (Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology)

John J. Conley, SJ (Loyola University Maryland): "Maritain's Critique of Modern Intellectual History"

Nicholas Nogueira (Lasalle Academy): "From Technocracy to Contemplation: Maritain, Eucharistic Reverence, and the Renewal of Attention"

9:30 pm: Reception

Location: Marina B

Saturday, March 21, 2026

8:30 am: Bus to Loyola Marymount University

----- Concurrent Session V: 9:00-11:00 am-----

Session 10: The State and Religion

Location: Pereira Hall 200

Chair: Bruno Shah, OP (Providence College)

Michael Torre (University of San Francisco): "Brief Reflections on Our 'Concrete Historical Ideal'"

Jose Maria J. Yulo (Academy of Art University): "What Links Disintegration: Maritain's Rousseau, Voegelin on Gnosticism, and Prayers That Heal"

Travis Dumsday (Concordia University of Edmonton): "Reflecting on Maritain's *Antisemitism* Post-October 7"

Session 11: Metaphysics: Aristotle, Aquinas, Maritain

Location: Pereira Hall 201

Chair: Anne Frances Le, OP (Diocese of Fort Worth)

Eric Perl (Loyola Marymount University): "'The Place of the Beautiful:' Aristotle on the Convertibility of Being and Beauty"