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A Conference on
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Introduction

There appears to be a decline in confidence in the market economy as the engine of prosperity for all. A renewed focus on solidarity—love of others—in the marketplace could draw more people into the “circle of exchange” (Pope John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*, 34), strengthen confidence in the market economy and drive greater liberty and prosperity.

But do the concepts of liberty and solidarity really belong together in commercial activity? An individualistic perspective sees them as opposing one another: solidarity, to the extent that it obliges me to “lose myself” in the service of others, seems to put a limit on my economic freedom. By contrast, the Church teaches that we become more free, the more we commit ourselves to the service of others, and also that without solidarity we would not be able to maintain the conditions necessary for the operation of a free market.

Solidarity “is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.”

*Pope John Paul II, Solicitudo Rei Socialis*, 38

“The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. There is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just. The choice to disobey and do evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to ‘the slavery of sin’ (Rom 6:17).”

*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1733

“Without internal forms of solidarity and mutual trust, the market cannot completely fulfill its proper economic function...the principle of gratuitousness and the logic of gift as an expression of fraternity can and must find their place within normal economic activity”

*Pope Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate*, 35-36

“At the heart of biblical faith is God’s love, his concrete concern for every person, and his plan of salvation which embraces all of humanity and all creation, culminating in the incarnation, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Without insight into these realities, there is no criterion for discerning what makes human life precious and unique.”

*Pope Francis, Lumen Fidei*, 54

Business is a vocation, and a noble vocation, provided that those engaged in it see themselves challenged by a greater meaning in life; this will enable them truly to serve the common good by striving to increase the goods of this world and to make them more accessible to all.

*Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium*, 203

What can we do to foster both liberty and solidarity in the contemporary economy?

What ideas should be proposed (or re-proposed) and what practical steps can be taken?

How should one live the vocation to business?
Registration

This event is by invitation only.

Costs

Full Conference
$1,500/person

Bishops and Cardinals
Free

Clergy & Religious
(priests, deacons, sisters, religious sisters, religious brothers)
$750

To register, email Jean Jacoby at jjacoby@napa-institute.org or call 310-487-3480.
Conference Venue
Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center
The Catholic University of America
620 Michigan Ave., N.E.
Washington, DC 20064
202-319-5291

Receptions and Dinners
Mandarin Oriental
1330 Maryland Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20024
202-554-8588

Adoration Chapel at Mandarin Oriental
Adoration Chapel at Mandarin Hotel with
Personal Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament available.

Masses
Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
400 Michigan Ave., N.E.
Washington, DC 20017
202-526-8300

Additional Chapels on Campus

Caldwell Chapel (dedicated in 1888 as St. Paul's Chapel) is located in Caldwell Hall, mezzanine level, and is the original chapel of The Catholic University of America. Daily Mass is held in Caldwell Chapel at 12:15 and 5:10pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Chapel is the "official" chapel of the university and is located on John McCormack Road, between Millennium North and Millennium South Residence Halls.

Mary, Mirror of Justice Chapel is the "official" chapel of The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law. It is located on the second floor of the Columbus School of Law. Daily mass is held in the chapel at 12:10pm.

The 24-Hour Chapel, located on North Campus and attached to St. Vincent’s Chapel, is available for prayer at any time. An entrance code is available from the Office of Campus Ministry.
**Lodging**
Conference attendees must make their own room reservations. In order to ensure that you receive the Catholic University’s group rate, reservations may be made online at https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode>Welcome_ei_new&eventID=11285840 (select "Attendee") or you may call the reservations line 202-787-6140 and the group name is 'Catholic University'.

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Conference Schedule

A spiritual director is available for conference attendees. Please feel free to contact him for spiritual direction or the sacrament of reconciliation at any time during the conference.

Tuesday, September 23

6:00 p.m.
Traveler’s Mass
Rev. Robert Spitzer, S.J.
Portrait Room, Mandarin Oriental

6:30 p.m.
Dinner
On Your Own

9:00 p.m.
After-Dinner Cigar and Cocktail Reception
Gallery Terrace
Mandarin Oriental

Wednesday, September 24

8:00 a.m.
Mass
Rev. John Mellein, OP
Portrait Room, Mandarin Oriental

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Confessions
Freer Room, Mandarin Oriental

11:00 a.m. Bus 1 Departure (Liturgy of the hours during bus ride)
11:30 a.m. Bus 2 Departure (Liturgy of the hours during bus ride)
Ballroom Level Entrance (To the left of the escalator)
Mandarin Oriental

11:30 am to 1 pm
Registration/Lunch
Great Room A, Pryzbyla Center
1:00 p.m.  
Welcome and Opening Remarks  
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

Session I: The Challenge of the Vocation to Business

1:15 p.m.  
Cardinal Turkson  
President, Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace  
What does it mean to say that business is a vocation?  
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

1:45 p.m.  
Francis Russell Hittinger  
William K. Warren Chair of Catholic Studies and Research Professor of Law, University of Tulsa  
What are the main theological and philosophical challenges to living this vocation?  
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

2:15 p.m.  
Break

2:30 p.m.  
Robert G. Kennedy  
Professor of Ethics and Business Law, University of St. Thomas  
What role do the virtues play in the business vocation?  
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

3:00 p.m.  
Paul Dembinski  
Professor, University of Fribourg, Switzerland  
How do global financial markets facilitate or hinder the vocation to business?  
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

3:30 p.m.  
Break

3:45 p.m.  
Sean Fieler  
President, Equinox Partners  
What are some practical challenges with living the vocation to business?  
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

4:15 p.m.  
Break
4:30 p.m.
Opening Mass
Cardinal Turkson
Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

5:30 p.m.
Bus Departure

6:30 p.m.
Cocktail Reception
Gallery Room
Mandarin Oriental

7:30 p.m.
Opening Dinner
*Casual dress*
Gallery Room
Mandarin Oriental

9:00 p.m.
After-Dinner Cigar and Cocktail Reception
Gallery Terrace
Mandarin Oriental

**Thursday, September 25**

**7:15 a.m.** Bus 1 Departure (Bishops and priests)
**7:15 a.m.** Bus 2 Departure (Liturgy of the hours during bus ride)
Ballroom Level Entrance (To the left of the escalator)
Mandarin Oriental

8:00 a.m.
Mass
Rev. John Mellein, OP
Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

9:00 a.m.
Breakfast
Great Room A, Pryzbyla Center
Session II: Solidarity is the Answer

9:45 a.m.
Catherine Pakaluk
Assistant Professor of Economics, Ave Maria University
What is solidarity, and how does it apply to the marketplace?
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

10:15 a.m.
Mary Hirschfeld
Assistant Professor of Economics and Theology, Villanova University
How should we understand private property in the context of solidarity?
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

10:45 a.m.
Break

11:00 a.m.
Frank J. Hanna III
CEO, Hanna Capital
How does the practice of solidarity in business strengthen human relationships and promote human flourishing?
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

11:30 a.m.
Edward Hadas
Economics Editor, Reuters Breakingviews
How can firms have solidarity with the poor?
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

12:00 p.m.
Break

12:15 p.m.
Andrew Abela
Dean, School of Business and Economics, The Catholic University of America
How do we build solidarity in and through business?
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

12:45 p.m.
Lunch
Great Room A, Pryzbyla Center

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Session III: Solidarity and Liberty—the role of Subsidiarity

2:00 p.m.
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago
Why does solidarity need subsidiarity, and vice versa?
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

2:30 p.m.
George Garvey
Professor of Law, Columbus School of Law
In what ways does the legal environment facilitate or hinder solidarity and subsidiarity in business?
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

3:00 p.m.
Break

3:15 p.m.
Samuel Gregg
Director of Research, Acton Institute
How can liberty and solidarity address the problem of crony capitalism?
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

3:45 p.m.
Brian Engelland
Professor of Marketing, The Catholic University of America
How do firms foster the exercise of subsidiarity?
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

4:30 p.m.
Bus Departure

5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Confessions
Freer Room, Mandarin Oriental

6:00 p.m.
Mass
Rev. Robert Spitzer, S.J.
Portrait Room, Mandarin Oriental

6:30 p.m.
Cocktail Reception
Gallery Room
Mandarin Oriental

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7:30 p.m.
Dinner
Business Attire
Keynote Speaker
Arthur Brooks
President, American Enterprise Institute
Building an economy that serves the poor
Gallery Room
Mandarin Oriental

9:00 p.m.
After-Dinner Cigar and Cocktail Reception
Gallery Terrace
Mandarin Oriental

Friday, September 26

6:45 a.m.
Mass
Portrait Room, Mandarin Oriental

7:15 a.m. Bus 1 Departure (Bishops and priests)
7:30 a.m., Bus 2 Departure (Rosary during bus ride)
Ballroom Level Entrance (To the left of the escalator)
Mandarin Oriental

8:00 a.m.
Breakfast
Great Room A, Pryzbyla Center

Session IV: Living Solidarity in the Marketplace, through the Vocation to Business

8:30 a.m.
Joseph Capizzi
Associate Professor, Moral Theology and Ethics, The Catholic University of America
How do solidarity, liberty, and gift work together in the Christian life?
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

9:00 a.m.
Andrew Yuengert
Professor of Economics, Pepperdine University
What are our degrees of freedom for living solidarity?
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

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9:30 a.m.
Andreas Widmer
Director of Entrepreneurship Programs, The Catholic University of America

*How do we live the vocation to business, starting today?*
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

10:00 a.m.
Closing remarks
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

10:30 a.m.
Mass
Rev. John Mellein, OP
Blessed Sacrament Chapel
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11:00 a.m.
Bus Departure
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