Liberty and Solidarity: Living the Vocation to Business

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Dear Friends of the CUA School of Business and Economics and The Napa Institute,

Welcome to *Liberty and Solidarity: Living the Vocation to Business*, the inaugural conference of the recently established School of Business and Economics at The Catholic University of America, co-sponsored with The Napa Institute. We have a great group of academic, business, and Church leaders participating, and we are delighted that you are able to be part of this group.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has called us toward a renewed emphasis on solidarity in the marketplace in order to draw more people into the “circle of exchange.” In the face of declining confidence in the market as the engine of prosperity for all, this emphasis could strengthen confidence in the market economy and drive greater liberty and prosperity. However, simply recognizing this need is not enough to drive transformation; it is time to answer the Holy Father’s call through action.

This three-day conference will focus on four main points to drive conversation and the exchange of ideas: the challenge of the vocation to business, solidarity as the answer, the role of subsidiarity in the solidarity/liberty nexus, and living solidarity in the marketplace. We hope that those points will help the group answer these questions: What can we do to foster both liberty and solidarity in the contemporary economy? What ideas should be (re)proposed and what practical steps taken? How should one live the vocation to business?

It is my honor to welcome you to The Catholic University of America. I believe you will find this event very valuable as we will go into greater depth and provide more practical perspectives on living the Catholic faith in the business world than has ever been done before.

Best regards,

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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 12:30 and 5:10 p.m.

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’s 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 12:10 p.m.

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.

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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, *Sollicitudo 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.”


“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?
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 p.m. Traveler’s Mass
Rev. Robert Spitzer, S.J.
Portrait Room, Mandarin Oriental

6:30 p.m. Dinner
On Your Own

9 p.m. Cigar and Cocktail Reception
Gallery Terrace, Mandarin Oriental

Wednesday, September 24

8 a.m. Mass
Portrait Room, Mandarin Oriental

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

11 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 (left of escalators), Mandarin Oriental

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration/Lunch
Great Room A, Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center

1 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center
Session I: The Challenge of the Vocation to Business

1:15 p.m. What does it mean to say that business is a vocation?
Cardinal Peter Turkson
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

1:45 p.m. What are the main theological and philosophical challenges to living this vocation?
Francis Russell Hittinger
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

2:15 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. What role do the virtues play in the business vocation?
Robert G. Kennedy
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

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

3:30 p.m. Break

4:30 p.m. Opening Mass
Cardinal Peter 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 p.m. Cigar and Cocktail Reception
Gallery Terrace, Mandarin Oriental
Conference Schedule

Thursday, September 25

7:15 a.m. Bus Departure (Liturgy of the Hours during bus ride)
Ballroom Level Entrance (left of escalators), Mandarin Oriental

8 a.m. Mass
Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

9 a.m. Breakfast
Great Room A, Pryzbyla Center

Session II: Solidarity is the Answer

9:45 a.m. What is solidarity, and how does it apply to the marketplace?
Catherine Pakaluk
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

10:15 a.m. How should we understand private property in the context of solidarity?
Mary Hirschfeld
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

10:45 a.m. Break

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

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

12 p.m. Break

12:15 p.m. How can we build solidarity in business?
Andrew Abela
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

12:45 p.m. Lunch
Great Room A, Pryzbyla Center
Session III: Solidarity and Liberty — the Role of Subsidiarity

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

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

3 p.m. Break

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

3:45 p.m. How do firms foster the exercise of subsidiarity?
Brian Engelland
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

4:30 p.m. Bus Departure

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

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

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

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 p.m. Cigar and Cocktail Reception
Gallery Terrace, Mandarin Oriental
Conference Schedule

Friday, September 26

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

7:15 a.m. Bus Departure (Rosary during bus ride)
Ballroom Level Entrance (left of escalators), Mandarin Oriental

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

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

8:30 a.m. How do solidarity, liberty, and gift work together in the Christian life?
Joseph Capizzi
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

9 a.m. What are our degrees of freedom for living solidarity?
Andrew Yuengert
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

9:30 a.m. How do we live the vocation to business, starting today?
Andreas Widmer
Great Room B, Pryzbyla Center

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

10:30 a.m. Mass
Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

11 a.m. Bus Departure
Andrew Abela, Ph.D.  
Dean and Associate Professor of Marketing  
School of Business and Economics  
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Andrew Abela is the dean of the School of Business and Economics and associate professor of marketing at The Catholic University of America, in Washington, D.C. His research on the integrity of the marketing process, including marketing ethics, Catholic social doctrine, and internal communication, has been published in several academic journals, including the *Journal of Marketing*, the *Journal of the Academy of Marketing Science*, the *Journal of Business Ethics*, and the *Journal of Markets & Morality*, and in two books. He is the co-editor of the *Catechism for Business*, from The Catholic University of America Press, and winner of the 2009 Novak Award, a $10,000 prize given by the Acton Institute for “significant contributions to the study of the relationship between religion and economic liberty.”

Abela also provides consulting and training in internal communications. Recent clients of his include JPMorgan Chase, Microsoft Corporation, and the Corporate Executive Board. Prior to his academic career, he spent several years in industry as brand manager at Procter & Gamble, management consultant with McKinsey & Company, and managing director of the Marketing Leadership Council of the Corporate Executive Board. He holds a B.Sc. from the University of Toronto, an M.B.A. from the Institute for Management Development (IMD) in Switzerland, and a Ph.D. in marketing and ethics from the Darden Business School at the University of Virginia. He and his wife, Kathleen, live in Great Falls, Va., with their six children.

Arthur C. Brooks  
President  
American Enterprise Institute (AEI)

Arthur C. Brooks is president of the American Enterprise Institute. He is also the Beth and Ravenel Curry Scholar in Free Enterprise at AEI. Immediately before joining AEI, Brooks was the Louis A. Bantle Professor of Business and Government at Syracuse University, where he taught economics and social entrepreneurship.

Brooks is a frequent guest on national television and radio talk shows; his work has been published widely in such outlets as *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Washington Post*.

Brooks has a Ph.D. and an M.Phil. in policy analysis from RAND Graduate School. He also holds an M.A. in economics from Florida Atlantic University and a B.A. in economics from Thomas Edison State College.

### Joseph E. Capizzi, Ph.D.
**Area Director and Associate Professor of Moral Theology/Ethics**
**School of Theology and Religious Studies**
**The Catholic University of America**

Joseph E. Capizzi is associate professor of moral theology at The Catholic University of America. He teaches in the areas of social and political theology, with special interests in issues in peace and war, citizenship, political authority, and Augustinian theology. He has written, lectured, and published widely on just war theory, bioethics, the history of moral theology, and political liberalism.

In 2002, he was appointed to the Cardinal’s Chair at the Intercultural Forum for Studies in Faith and Reason, the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, in Washington, D.C. He has been a senior fellow at the Culture of Life Foundation and is currently a bioethics advisor to the Maryland State Stem Cell Commission, on which he has served since his appointment by Gov. Robert Ehrlich in 2006. He received his B.A. from the University of Virginia, his master’s degree in theological studies from Emory University, and his M.A. and Ph.D. in theology from the University of Notre Dame. He lives in Maryland with his wife and six children.

### Brian Engelland, Ph.D.
**Associate Dean and Professor of Marketing**
**School of Business and Economics**
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Brian Engelland, professor of marketing, joined the School of Business and Economics faculty in 2010, bringing considerable academic and professional experience. Engelland’s research focuses on issues in marketing management, measurement, and education. He has written more than 70 refereed publications and four books, won multiple teaching awards, and been named as a fellow of the Marketing Management Association. His work has appeared in such journals as the *Journal of the Acad-
Prior to becoming an academic, he was a product development executive and served in a series of leadership positions for two Fortune 500 corporations. Afterward, he formed a marketing consulting agency and helped clients in England, Switzerland, and the United States introduce successful new products.

Engelland holds a bachelor’s degree from Purdue University, an M.B.A. from the University of Cincinnati, and a doctorate from Southern Illinois University. Before joining the CUA faculty, he served as marketing department head at Mississippi State University. He and his wife, Barbara, are enthusiastic supporters of Catholic education. All three of his children earned degrees from Catholic high schools and colleges. Their son is a CUA graduate and now professor of philosophy at a Catholic seminary, one daughter is a Catholic grade school teacher, and another daughter is a Carmelite cloistered nun. Engelland is a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus and a Knight Commander in the Equestrian Order of The Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

Sean Fieler
President
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Sean Fieler is president of Equinox Partners, L.P. and the Kuroto Fund, L.P. Over the past two decades, he and his partners have assembled a research team that, through the analysis of businesses around the world, has enabled Equinox Partners and the Kuroto Fund to consistently purchase superior businesses at substantial discounts to their intrinsic value. Fieler serves as chairman of the American Principles Project. He is chairman of the Chiaroscuro Foundation and serves as a board member of the Witherspoon Institute, the Manhattan Institute, the Dominican Foundation, the Committee for Monetary Research & Education, the Acton Institute, and the Susan B. Anthony List. A graduate of Williams College with a degree in political economy, Fieler speaks and publishes on the topic of monetary reform. He has given talks on monetary policy at the annual Grant’s Conference, and the Atlas Liberty Forum and has written for *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Weekly Standard*. He lives in Princeton, N.J., with his wife, son, and three daughters.
George E. Garvey  
Professor of Law  
Columbus School of Law  
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George E. Garvey received his B.A. from the University of Illinois at Chicago and graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School. Following law school he clerked for Chief Judge John Reynolds of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin and then practiced antitrust law for several years at a law firm in Milwaukee. Garvey joined the faculty of the Catholic University School of Law in 1978. He served as associate dean for academic affairs from 1989 until 1997, and as the University’s vice provost and dean of graduate studies from 2003 to 2008. Garvey was acting dean of the law school in 2012 and has also served as vice dean.

Garvey teaches constitutional law, antitrust, property, regulated industries, and Catholic social teaching and law. His publications include *Economic Law and Economic Growth: Antitrust, Regulations, and the American Growth System* and numerous book chapters and articles related to competition law and policy, domestic and international economic regulation, and the relationship between law and Catholic social teaching.

In 1980, Garvey took leave from the University to serve as counsel to the Subcommittee on Monopolies and Commercial Law of the United States House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary. He subsequently served as a special consultant to the Judiciary Committee on antitrust treble damages and has testified at numerous congressional hearings on various pending bills related to antitrust law and policy. Garvey has been the recipient of two Fulbright grants: the first to conduct research as a senior scholar at the Max Planck Institute in Hamburg, Germany, and the second as a senior lecturer at the Jagiellonian University of Krakow, Poland.

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

Cardinal George, Ph.D., S.T.D., studied theology at the University of Ottawa, Canada, and was ordained a priest by Most Rev. Raymond P. Hillinger on Dec. 21, 1963, at St. Pascal Church. He earned a master’s degree in philosophy at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., in 1965 and a doctorate in American philosophy at Tulane University, New Orleans, La., in 1970. In 1971, he received a master’s degree in theology from the University of Ottawa in Canada. He also taught philosophy at the Oblate Seminary, Pass Christian, Miss. (1964–69); at Tulane University (1968); and at Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. (1969–73).
He was provincial superior of the Midwestern Province for the Oblates from 1973 to 1974 and vicar general of the Oblates in Rome from 1974 to 1986. He returned to the United States to coordinate the Circle of Fellows for the Cambridge Center for the Study of Faith and Culture in Cambridge, Mass., from 1987 to 1990, during which time he obtained a doctorate in sacred theology from the Pontifical Urban University, Rome. Pope John Paul II appointed him bishop of Yakima in Washington on July 10, 1990, and then archbishop of Portland in Oregon on April 30, 1996. Less than a year later, on April 8, 1997, the Pope named him the eighth archbishop of Chicago, the first native Chicagoan to be so named. On Jan. 18, 1998, Pope John Paul II announced Archbishop George’s elevation to the Sacred College of Cardinals. In November 2007, Cardinal George was elected president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for a three-year term.

Samuel Gregg, Ph.D.
Director of Research
Acton Institute

Samuel Gregg is director of research at the Acton Institute. He has written and spoken extensively on questions of political economy, economic history, and natural law theory. He has a Doctor of Philosophy degree in moral philosophy and political economy from the University of Oxford.

He has written many books, including Economic Thinking for the Theologically Minded (2001), On Ordered Liberty (2003), his prize-winning The Commercial Society (2007), The Modern Papacy (2009), Wilhelm Röpke’s Political Economy (2010), and Becoming Europe: Economic Decline, Culture, and How America Can Avoid a European Future (2013), as well as monographs such as A Theory of Corruption (2004) and Banking, Justice, and the Common Good (2005). He has also co-edited books such as Profit, Prudence and Virtue: Essays in Ethics, Business and Management (2009) and Natural Law, Economics and the Common Good (2012), and has written on the thought of St. Thomas More.

He publishes in journals such as the Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy; Journal of Markets & Morality; Economic Affairs; Law and Investment Management; Journal des Economistes et des Etudes Humaines; Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy; Ave Maria Law Review; Oxford Analytica; Communio; Journal of Scottish Philosophy; Moreana; and Foreign Affairs. He writes opinion pieces that appear in publications such as The Wall Street Journal Europe, National Review, Public Discourse, and Australian Financial Review. He was elected a fellow of the Royal Historical Society in 2001, and a member of the Royal Economic Society in 2008.
Speaker Biographies

Edward Hadas
Economics Editor
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Edward Hadas is economics editor at Reuters Breakingviews and columnist at Reuters.com. Previously he was assistant editor of the Lex column of comment and analysis at the Financial Times and assistant editor at Breakingviews. Hadas received the Business Journalist of the Year Award for economics in 2009. He also teaches political and social philosophy at the Maryvale Institute in Birmingham, U.K.

Before becoming a journalist in 2004, he worked for 25 years as a financial analyst for firms such as Morgan Stanley and Putnam Investments. He has degrees in philosophy, classics, and mathematics from Oxford University and Columbia University and an M.B.A. from SUNY Binghamton. He was born in 1956 in New York, grew up in St. Louis, and has worked in Buffalo, Boston, Paris and, since 1992, in London. He has three adult children and a poetic wife.

Frank J. Hanna III
CEO
Hanna Capital

Frank J. Hanna is CEO of Hanna Capital in Atlanta, Ga. He invests as a merchant banker in technology and financial services, and has started and sold a number of businesses over the last 25 years. Prior to going into the investment business, he was a corporate attorney. He is featured in the PBS documentary The Call of the Entrepreneur.

Hanna has been involved in education for the last 29 years and has been instrumental in the foundation of four Catholic schools in Atlanta, including Holy Spirit Preparatory School and Holy Spirit College. He has been a frequent speaker to various groups and mass media regarding the ethics of business.

He has often spoken on philanthropy and has written a best-selling book titled What Your Money Means. During the administration of George W. Bush, Hanna was appointed and served as the chair of the President’s Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans. He serves on the boards of numerous non-profit organizations, within the Church and in the secular world, including the Papal Foundation, EWTN, and the American Enterprise Institute. He is the founder of the
Solidarity Association. Of most significance, the Solidarity Association serves as trustee of the Mater Verbi/Hanna Papyrus Trust, which safeguards in the Vatican Apostolic Library the oldest copy of the Gospel of Luke (and the oldest copy of the Lord’s Prayer) in the world. In recognition of his charitable efforts, Hanna has received the William B. Simon Prize for Philanthropic Leadership and the David R. Jones Award for Philanthropic Leadership. He is also a Knight of Malta, of the Holy Sepulchre, and was named a Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Gregory by Pope Benedict XVI.

Mary Hirschfeld, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Economics and Theology
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Mary Hirschfeld earned her Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University in 1989, specializing in the fields of macroeconomics and economic history. She was a professor of economics at Occidental College from 1988 to 2003 and she also served as chair of the Department of Economics and as a member of several committees, including the institution’s Educational Policy Committee. Following a conversion to Catholicism, she left her position to study moral theology at Notre Dame, earning her Master of Theological Science degree in 2005. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate in the field of moral theology at Notre Dame. Her dissertation focuses on a Thomistic framework for thinking about economics, with an emphasis on consumption.

In the field of economics, Hirschfeld has explored research interests in feminist economics and heterodox approaches to economic theory. She has taught a variety of courses on topics that include the development of capitalism, macroeconomics, financial markets, economics and philosophy, European history, and persecution in America. She is the author of several articles on economics in the Review of Economics and Statistics, the Journal of Economic Education, and History of Political Economy, as well as a recent article on moral theology in the Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics. In 2010, Hirschfeld was awarded a Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship.
Speaker Biographies

Francis Russell Hittinger, Ph.D.
William K. Warren Professor of Catholic Studies Research Professor of Law
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Russell Hittinger is the William K. Warren Chair of Catholic Studies at the University of Tulsa, where he is also a research professor in the School of Law. His books and articles have been published by the University of Notre Dame Press, Oxford University Press, Columbia University Press, Fordham University Press, the Review of Metaphysics, the Review of Politics, and several law journals (American and European). His current work, The Popes and the Modern Caesars: Magisterial Teachings on the State, 1789–2005 will be published by Yale University Press next year. He is one of two lay academics in the world to serve on two pontifical academies. In 1994 he was elected a full member of Pontificia Academia Sancti Thomae Aquinatis. On Sept. 8, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Professor Hittinger as an ordinarius in the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences.

Robert G. Kennedy, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair
Department of Catholic Studies
University of St. Thomas

Robert G. Kennedy is professor and chair of the Department of Catholic Studies at the University of St. Thomas (St. Paul, Minn). He was previously professor of management in UST’s Opus College of Business, where he served as chair of the faculty in 2004–05.

Before coming to St. Thomas, Kennedy spent a decade in sales and nonprofit management. He is the author of a number of essays, book reviews, and articles on a variety of topics, such as professionalism, business ethics, military ethics and just war theory, ethical investment, and a variety of issues related to culture, public life, and the Catholic social tradition. He is a named contributor to “A Reflection on the Vocation of the Business Leader,” a document published in 2012 by the Pontifical Council on Justice and Peace. His book, The Good that Business Does, was published by the Acton Institute in 2006.

He has served on the governing board of the American Catholic Philosophical Association and represents the bishops of Minnesota on the board of the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition. He is also a trustee of Ave Maria University in Florida.

He received his Ph.D. in medieval studies from the University of Notre Dame, where his dissertation advisor was Ralph McInerny. He also holds master’s degrees in biblical criticism and business administration.
Catherine Pakaluk, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Economics
Ave Maria University

Catherine Pakaluk joined the faculty of Ave Maria University in the fall of 2010. Her research is concerned broadly with the analytical study of gender, family, and reproductive dynamics. She also studies education, especially the value of private religious schools, and the role of parental effort in generating observed peer effects and variation in school quality.

Prior to earning her doctorate from Harvard University in 2010, Pakaluk received a master’s degree in economics from Harvard (2002) and a bachelor’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania in mathematics and economics (1998). She has studied the history of Catholic thought with Michael Novak, Rev. Richard John Neuhaus, George Weigel, and Russell Hittinger.

Her fields of research include applied microeconomics, public, labor, and economics of education. She teaches public economics, labor economics, economics of poverty, statistics, Catholic social thought, and the theology of gender.

She is married to Michael Pakaluk and has six young children.

Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson
President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace
Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Coast (Ghana)

Born in 1948 in Ghana, Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson studied theology at St. Anthony-on-Hudson Seminary in New York and was ordained a priest in 1975. He did graduate studies at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, 1976–80 and 1987–92. In 1992 he was appointed archbishop of Cape Coast by Pope John Paul II and made cardinal in 2003. He was president of the Ghana Catholic Bishops’ Conference (1997–2005), and since 2003 has been chancellor of the Catholic University College of Ghana. He served as relator during the II Synod of Bishops for Africa in October 2009. At the end of the synod, Pope Benedict XVI named Cardinal Turkson as president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace.
Andreas Widmer
Director of Entrepreneurship
School of Business and Economics
The Catholic University of America

Andreas Widmer is director of entrepreneurship programs at The Catholic University of America and president of The Carpenter’s Fund. He was the co-founder of SEVEN Fund, a philanthropic organization run by entrepreneurs who invested in original research, books, and films to further enterprise solutions to poverty.

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