Discerning in Troubled Times

“To love someone is to desire that person’s good and to take effective steps to secure it. There is a good that is linked to living in society: the common good. It is the good of “all of us”…. The more we strive to secure a common good corresponding to the real needs of our neighbors the more effectively we love them.”

Pope Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate, #7

To be human is to be rooted in the very nature of God which is Love (1 John 4:8, 16). We humans are disposed to a love that shapes our relationships on every level. Such love, when expressed in political life, must seek and define the Common Good.

Presently, Americans are caught in the vortex of rhetorical fires ignited by the conflicts of both moral pluralism and the politicization of religious issues, which obscures a sense of common purpose. This is a matter of serious concern to Catholics.

Neither major candidate for president offers a platform fully coherent with Catholic social teaching. Lacking that, how do we decide? The late Dean Brackley, S.J., wrote a tidy book entitled The Call to Discernment in Troubled Times. Brackley invites us to consider various social challenges to discernment. Limited personal experience and lack of awareness challenge good discernment by citizens of the U.S. as they confront structural poverty, the extent of the environmental crisis, the scale of violence against women, child abuse, and abortion, sweatshop conditions at home and abroad, the danger of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and the pervasiveness of racism and patriarchy. The challenges to discernment on these issues are further complicated by family bias and ‘social location.’ Still, even in the face of such challenges, we desire honesty and authenticity in our decisions.

Brackley offers ten touchstones, an Ignatian way of proceeding, for discerning truth in the world around us, in our inner life, and in the Church. Finding truth and the Common Good depend on the following: facing reality, especially that of victims; personal conversion through discerning interior movements; and identifying with a community that sustains us in an alternative vision and praxis.

1. Reason and science: Reason requires an initial experience that later questions, learns, interprets, imagines, and feels, utilizing all disciplines, including the various sciences.

2. Personal transformation: Discernment demands conversion. With conversion comes cognitive liberation, an awakening, an ability to see old things in a new light.

3. Experience and Praxis: What and how we see depends on where we stand. Engaging others who are different, especially the suffering, broadens our horizon.

4. Love and Discipleship: Acknowledging our neighbor as another self leads to valuing life.

5. Discerning Interior Movements: Consolation moves us toward self-transcendence, giving us images and concepts that expand and liberate us from bias. Desolation discloses resistance to self-transcendence and gives rise to images and concepts that narrow our horizon and distort reality.

6. Conscientization: Awakening to both promise and cruelty in society. Unjust distortions reinforce the prejudice that some people count and others do not.

7. Utopian Imagination: The world is both troubled and wonderful; it is pregnant with possibilities and hope. Realpolitik blocks our seeing human goodness, and exercising a hopeful imagination.


9. Tradition: Engaging our Catholic tradition with creative fidelity prevents us from flailing about, shaped by market forces and mass media. Along with society, tradition holds its share of prejudice. Our faithful and creative engagement helps to correct tradition’s distortions and to enable it to remain life-giving.

10. Authority: The appropriate exercise of authority deserves respect and is indispensable for discernment in the Church. We believe in authority’s capacity to point us in the right direction. However, conscience does not kneel before authorities but before the truth. The honest search for goodness and truth may thus cause conflict for some. As followers of Jesus Christ, we accept the price, often suffering or injustice, for the benefits of a tradition-bearing community.

These touchstones offered by Brackley are not for the faint-hearted. They offer a way of proceeding in our search for a coherent truth that is in dialogue and communion with others who are followers of Christ. They do not guarantee that our decisions will be right, but that we will remain in relationship with one another and with God!

- Sr. Kathryn King, F.S.P.
Pastoral Associate
On World Mission Sunday we recommit ourselves to our vocation, through Baptism, to share our faith. We also pray for the Church’s worldwide missionary work. Visit our website, www.stignatiusloyola.org, to read a letter from Archbishop Dolan about World Mission Sunday.

**Finding God in All Things Workshop.**
Presenter: Rev. Ed Quinnan, S.J.
6:00 – 7:15 PM. Parish Lounge.
An Ignatian Young Adult event.
Details on page 5.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 22nd**
Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM.
Meeting Room. Supplies and instructions are provided.
New members are welcome!

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23rd**
Emmaus Bereavement Support Group begins.
7:00 PM. Parish Lounge. Details on page 3.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24th**
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room.
All are welcome.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25th**
Thursday Morning Prayer Group.
9:30 – 11:00 AM. Parish House.
Open to those who have made the Meeting Christ in Prayer Retreat.
For information and registration, contact Sabina Fila at sabinait@verizon.net

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27th**
Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.
At the 12:10 PM Mass.
Details on page 4.

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**ELECTION 2012**

**WHO IN THE CHURCH SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN POLITICAL LIFE?**

In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest group. In today’s environment, Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and few candidates fully share our comprehensive commitment to human life and dignity.

Catholic lay women and men need to act on the Church’s moral principles and become more involved: running for office, working within political parties, and communicating concerns to elected officials. Even those who cannot vote should raise their voices on matters that affect their lives and the common good.

**HOW DOES THE CHURCH HELP CATHOLICS TO ADDRESS POLITICAL AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS?**

A Well-Formed Conscience. The Church equips her members to address political questions by helping them develop well-formed consciences. “Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act . . . [Every person] is obliged to follow faithfully what he [or she] knows to be just and right” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1778). We Catholics have a lifelong obligation to form our consciences in accord with human reason, enlightened by the teaching of Christ as it comes to us through the Church.

**VOTER RESOURCES**

2012 Voting Guide – Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good
www.catholicsinalliance.org

A Balancing Act: Catholic teaching on the church’s rights – and the rights of all.
David Hollenbach, SJ and Thomas A Shannon, PhD
America, March 5, 2012
www.americamagazine.org/content/article.cfm?article_id=13262

Six Thoughts Before the Election – Michael O’Loughlin
America, In All Things: Our Group Blog, posted September 19, 2012
www.americamagazine.org/blog/entry.cfm?entry_id=5372

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**PLEASE OPEN FOR PAGES 3 AND 4**
EMMAUS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

A six session support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one will begin on Tuesday evening, October 23rd, in the Parish House from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

For information and registration, please contact Sr. Kathryn King at the Parish House or email kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org

Calling All Volunteers:
Shelter Information Session
Sunday, October 28th in Wallace Hall.

After the Sunday Social, which follows the 11:00 AM Masses.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will once again be sponsoring a women's shelter every other weekend in Wallace Hall from November through April. The shelter season begins the weekend of November 16th-18th.

If you think that you might be interested in this ministry to the homeless, please join us for an information session on October 28th.

A Day of Prayer
with Fr. Richard Rohr and Fr. James Martin, S.J.
Saturday, November 17th
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM in Wallace Hall

Frs. Rohr and Martin will present the prayer practices from their faith traditions.

Fr. Richard shares wisdom from his spiritual father, St. Francis of Assisi, nurturing awareness of God's presence in all things.

Fr. Martin will highlight practices of his Jesuit roots, including the Daily Examen and Spiritual Exercises of the Ignatian path toward deeper union with God.

Come pray with these master teachers and allow your soul to fulfill its desire for the Divine.

Cost: Presentation: $50
Presentation and lunch: $100

Online registration only:
cac.org/richard-rohr/richardontheroad

This program is sponsored by the Center for Action and Contemplation, home of the Rohr Institute.

40s & FABULOUS

40s & Fabulous has launched its first Speaker Series – Our Catholic Faith. Using the framework of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, it is hoped that this series will deepen our understanding of our Catholic Faith and its practical applications in today’s complex world.

Our Catholic Faith Schedule

2012
Celebration of the Christian Mystery (Church & Sacraments)
November 4th    Rev. Peter Fink
November 18th    Rev. Peter Fink

2013
Life in Christ (Moral Teachings of the Catholic Church)
January 6th    Rev. Ugo Nacciarone
January 20th    Rev. Ugo Nacciarone

Christian Prayer
February 10th    Rev. James Martin
February 24th    Sr. Kathryn King

Wrap-up and Reflections
April 14th     Rev. George Witt

All sessions will be held from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at the Parish House

Register your interest at 40sandfabulous@gmail.com

MUSIC

MUSIC AT MASSES
Sunday, October 28th

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Parish Community Choir joins Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola
Franck Trois Pièces: Cantabile
Dawson Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit
Vaughan Williams O how amiable
McDowell Sounding Heaven and Earth

7:30 PM MASS
Franck Trois Pièces: Cantabile
McDowell Sounding Heaven and Earth

Organ Concert
Thomas Murray
University Organist and Professor of Music, Yale University
Sunday, October 28th

3:00 PM
Bach Concerto in C major (in one movement)
Schumann Four Sketches for Organ or Pedal-Piano
Vaughan Williams Two Welsh Folk-Tune Arrangements
Bach Passacaglia
Elgar Carillon

Franck Grand Pièce Symphonique

Tickets: $20 general, $10 student/senior rush
Visit www.smssconcerts.org for tickets and information
We pray for the faithful departed:
James Grover
Anne Racanelli
May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord

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Leslie & Walter Kernan
12:10  MEM
Jack Kaupp
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Nathan Davidson

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(St. John of Capistrano)
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John B., John A., & Elizabeth A. Rooney
12:10  MEM
Gail Muldoon-Murphy
5:30  LVG
Marie & Brendan Cryan

Wednesday, October 24th
(St. Anthony Mary Claret)
8:30   ANN
Joan Gordon
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Margaret Gallacher
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George Opfer

Thursday, October 25th
(29th Thursday in Ordinary Time)
8:30  MEM
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Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace Family

Friday, October 26th
(29th Friday in Ordinary Time)
8:30  MEM
Dr. Emil Wittek
12:10  MEM
Mary Cecilia Sullivan
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Gloria Lagno

Saturday, October 27th
(29th Saturday in Ordinary Time)
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Giro & Elina Zullo

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Hebrews 5:1-6    Mark 10:46-52

We have the privilege at St. Ignatius of welcoming many visitors and new parishioners. We especially welcome those who may be thinking of becoming Catholic.

If you feel attracted to the Catholic faith, we want you to know about a program at the Parish which will begin later in the fall. A group will meet here during the year to inquire into the Catholic faith, to come to know Jesus through the Gospels, and to pray and to prepare for the Easter Sacraments.

This process is also open to those Catholic adults who have not received the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation.

For more information about this process, which is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Saturday, October 27th
at the 12:10 PM Mass

For those those who are seriously ill, elderly, disabled, facing surgery or who are afflicted with any other condition of physical, mental, or spiritual suffering.

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:
APPROACHING $2 MILLION
IN CONTRIBUTIONS!

The boilers are installed, as are all new pipes, radiators, water heaters, and thermostats. The new gas line is laid, the new chimney has been erected, and the final inspections have begun in advance of firing up the system.

Our total currently stands at $1,909,009. Thank you to all who have contributed.

To donate online, visit www.stignatiusloyola.org and click on the Emergency Heating and Cooling Campaign tab on the right side of the homepage. If you would like to make a credit card payment, contact Pat Schneider at schneiderp@saintignatiusloyola.org or 646-981-2610.

Catholics in the Public Square
The Landscape since Vatican II

presented by
FR. THOMAS MASSARO, S.J.

Wednesday, October 31st
at 7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

What principles have guided and should guide Catholics as they participate in public life today? It is easy enough to recall and describe discrete momentary controversies regarding, for example, Catholic politicians and church leaders. But this presentation seeks to survey the broader landscape to discern the lasting features of Catholic participation in secular political life and engagement in the public over the last half-century.

Fr. Thomas Massaro, S.J., is the new Dean of Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University. A native New Yorker and a graduate of Regis High School, he taught as Professor of Moral Theology for fifteen years at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry and its predecessor, Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge. Father Massaro holds a doctorate in Christian social ethics from Emory University. Among the seven books he has produced are two volumes offering an ethical evaluation of American social welfare policies, as well as three editions of the popular classroom text Living Justice: Catholic Social Teaching in Action.

The Spirituality of St. Ignatius

Monday, November 12th
7:00 PM in Wallace Hall

Part 1: Introduction to St. Ignatius and Ignatian Spirituality

Presented by Rev. Fred Pellegrini, S.J.
Rector of the St. Ignatius Loyola Jesuit Community

Join us for a three-part seminar, designed in concert with our parish’s celebration of The Ignatian Way, as we explore some of the tenets and insights of the spirituality of St. Ignatius.

Finding God in All Things
A Workshop for Ignatian Young Adults:

Prayer as Relationship and Relationship as Prayer

with Fr. Ed Quinnan, S.J.
Associate Director of the Jesuit Collaborative

Sunday, October 21st
6:00 – 7:15 PM in the Parish Lounge

Join us for this Finding God in All Things Workshop with Fr. Ed Quinnan, S.J., a Jesuit of the New York Province who is experienced in giving Ignatian retreats. He most appreciates getting to know God through stories. Fr. Quinnan will share how he experiences his relationship with God in his own story and how that bond colors his other relationships. “I believe scripture is then, but also scripture is now. God is as much in relationship with us as with the first disciples. How can I come to recognize the face of Christ in intimacy?”

Fr. Ed Quinnan, S.J., is an Associate Director of The Jesuit Collaborative, traveling the East Coast to offer programs in Ignatian Spirituality, but has also led Ignatian pilgrimages to Spain and the Holy Land. He is the Pastoral Assistant to the New England and New York Provincials. He also is trained as a Marriage and Family Therapist and as a yoga instructor.
New Directions in Spirituality:
An Open Lecture at Fordham Westchester. Sponsored by the Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education. Friday, October 26th. 12:45 PM: Dr. Shannon McAlister, Ph.D. "Born of the Father: The Spirituality of the Divine Womb in Scripture, Creed, and the Words of the Saints." Location: 400 Westchester Avenue, West Harrison, NY. Free of charge. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to William Madden, Assistant Dean: wmadden@fordham.edu
Visit www.fordham.edu/gre

Thomas Merton and the Wisdom of “The Lone Wild Bird.”
Annual Retreat/Day of Recollection will be given by Sr. M. Donald Corcoran O.S.B., Cam. Saturday, November 10th, 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM. Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121 Street. A light lunch will be provided. Donation: $20. Registration is required. Call 212-666-9350 before November 8th. Visit www.corpus-christi-nyc.org/MertonSociety.htm

Weekday Masses
Monday-Friday
8:30 AM, 12:10 PM and 5:30 PM
Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for Next Weekend:
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM Fr. Bergen
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Witt
9:30 AM Fr. Witt
Wallace Hall 11:00 AM Fr. Judge
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Marina
7:30 PM Fr. Marina

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Joanne Cunneen, M.A., M.S. Director
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St. Ignatius Loyola Grammar School
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New York, NY 10028
(212) 734-6427 Fax: (212) 734-6972

Children’s Liturgy of the Word:
Sundays: 9:30 AM Mass (all ages)
11:00 AM Wallace Hall Family Mass (ages 3-5 only)

Centering Prayer:
Mondays and Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Confessions:
5:00 PM Saturday or by appointment. Communal Penance Services are celebrated during Advent and Lent.

Baptisms: Please call Joanne Cunneen at the Parish House to arrange for a Baptism and the preparation given prior to Baptism.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: Contact Maureen Fullam, M.A., Director, at the Parish House.

Marriages: The Bride or Groom should call Joanne Cunneen at the Parish House to begin preparation for Marriage, normally one year in advance.

Visits to the Sick: Please contact the Parish House between the hours of 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.