

Break: 2:00pm-2:30pm

2:30 pm-4:00pm: Holy Apostles College and Seminary Metropolitan Philosophy Roundtable Inaugural Session: "The reconstruction of philosophy: Will philosophy once again be able to bury its undertakers? If so, how?"

Chair: Marvin Peláez (University Abat Oliba/Adler-Aquinas Institute)

Speaker: Michael B. Mangini (Adler-Aquinas Institute), "Using justice to bury philosophy's undertakers"

Speaker: Peter A. Redpath (Adler-Aquinas Institute/Aquinas School of Leadership), "Has philosophy ever really buried its undertakers? If not, what can?"

Commentators: Mary Bolan (Aquinas Leadership International), Eugene Callahan (Cardiff University, UK), Robert Delfino (St. John's University, NY), Peter DeMarco (Priority Thinking Institute), Richard Fafara (Adler-Aquinas Institute), Herb Hartmann (Catholic University of America), Joseph Jordan (Aquinas Leadership International), Joseph Indelicato (Catholic Education Foundation/Caritas Consulting), Sebastian Mahfood (Holy Apostles College and Seminary), Alice Ramos (St. John's University, NY), Br. Owen Sadlier (St. Francis College, NY), Frank Slade (Emeritus Professor, St. Francis College, NY)

4:00pm-6:00pm: "Frankly speaking": Conversations with Frank Slade and Award Presentation

Chair: Jim Maroosis (Friend)

Opening Remarks: Br. Owen Sadlier (St. Francis College)

Moderators: Mary Bolan (Aquinas Leadership International) and Herb Hartmann (Catholic University of America)

Award Presentation to Francis (Frank) X. Slade of the "Aquinas Medal for Excellence in Christian Philosophy": Peter A. Redpath (President, International Étienne Gilson Society)

6:00pm-7:00pm: Dinner

7:00pm-8:00pm Organ recital performed by Peter Bayer (Catholic University of America): "Bach and Franck at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception"

8:00pm-10:00pm: After-dinner reception and birthday celebration for Frank Slade sponsored by the Holy Apostles College and Seminary Metropolitan Philosophy Roundtable and the International Étienne Gilson Society

### ◆ Sunday, 28 June 2015 ◆

7:00am-8:00am: Holy Mass

8:00am-9:00am: Breakfast

9:00am-10:30am: Plenary session panel discussion 13: How far we have come and where we go from here

Chair: Michael B. Mangini (Adler-Aquinas Institute)

Moderators: William Mc Vey (Adler-Aquinas Institute) and Peter A. Redpath (Adler-Aquinas Institute/Aquinas School of Leadership)



10:30am-11:00am: Break

11:00am-12:30pm: Plenary Session presentations and panel discussion 14: Temporal and Spiritual Empire: Rightly combining subsidiarity and solidarity in education and politics

Chair: Peter A. Redpath (Chair: Holy Apostles College and Seminary St. John Paul II Graduate Philosophy Concentration in Christian Wisdom)

Speaker: Jude P. Dougherty (Dean Emeritus, School of Philosophy, Catholic University of America): "Interpreting the middle ages"

Speaker: Peter L. P. Simpson (City University of NY): "Temporal and Spiritual Empire"

Lunch: 12:30pm-1:30pm

1:30pm-3:00pm: Plenary Session presentations and panel discussion 15: Philosophy, the media, and the new evangelization

Chair: Robert Delfino (St. John's University)

Speaker: Fr. Pawel Tarasiewicz (Adler-Aquinas Institute/International Étienne Gilson Society): "St. John Paul II: Apostle of the New Evangelization"

Speaker: Sr. Margaret Obrovac (Daughters of St. Paul): "Crossing The Threshold of Hope into the Media Culture"

3:00pm-3:30pm: Break

3:30pm-6:00pm: Introduction, showing, and follow-up discussion, of film

Introduction: Margie Skeels (United Nations Development Program, retired): "Father James Alberione: Teacher and Friend"

"Media Apostle: The Father James Alberione Story"

6:00pm-7:00pm: Dinner

### ◆ Monday, 29 June 2015 ◆

7:00am: Holy Mass

8:00am: Breakfast

Farewells and departure



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## 25th Anniversary Celebration

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Inauguration of Holy Apostles College  
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Philosophy Roundtable

Premiere of the Film:  
"Media Apostle: The Father James Alberione Story"  
as part of 100th Anniversary Celebration of  
Founding of the Daughters of St. Paul

## ◆ Thursday, 25 June 2015 ◆

7:00am-8:00am: Holy Mass

8:00am-9:00am: Breakfast

Noon-1:00pm: Lunch

9:00am-1:00pm: Registration

1:00pm-2:30pm: Plenary Session 1 - Welcome and plenary session discussion of topic: Are all religions equal?

Welcome by Peter A. Redpath, President of the International Étienne Gilson Society and CEO of the Aquinas School of Leadership

*Chair:* Terrence Berres (The Center for the Study of The Great Ideas)

Information about the Center for the Study of The Great Ideas and roundtable discussion: William F. Buckley Interview of Mortimer J. Adler: "Are all religions equal?"

*Speaker:* Curtis L. Hancock (Rockurst University): "Truth in Religion: Exclusivism, Pluralism, or Inclusivism?"

2:30pm-4:00pm: Plenary Session papers and panel discussion 2: Atheism and religion

*Chair:* Fr. Pawel Tarasiewicz (Adler-Aquinas Institute/ International Étienne Gilson Society)

*Speaker:* Benjamin Block (Catholic University of America): "Confirmation and the evidentialist objection against Christianity"

*Speaker:* William McVey (Adler-Aquinas Institute) "Aquinas and Alcoholics Anonymous: 'I-am-spiritual-but-not-religious'"

4:00pm-5:30pm-Plenary Session papers and panel discussion 3: The new atheism, the good atheist, and natural law

*Chair:* William Mc Vey (Adler-Aquinas Institute/Aquinas School of Leadership)

*Speaker:* Fulvio Di Blasi (Thomas International/Novareté): "The good atheist and natural law theory"

*Speaker:* Roberta Bayer (Patrick Henry College) "James Wilson: A Defense of the Aristotelian Tradition of Natural Law"

5:30pm-6:00pm: Break

6:00pm-7:00pm: Dinner

7:00pm-8:30pm: Plenary Session 4 After-dinner paper roundtable discussion:

*Chair:* Peter A. Redpath (Adler-Aquinas Institute/Aquinas School of Leadership)

*Roundtable discussion:* "Revisiting Mortimer Adler's 'God and the Professors': What, if anything, can we learn from it to help resolve current world problems?"

8:30pm-10:00pm: Cocktail reception sponsored by the Center for the Study of The Great Ideas



## ◆ Friday, 26 June 2015 ◆

7:00am-8:00am: Holy Mass

8:00am-9:00am: Breakfast

9:00am-10:30am: Plenary Session papers and panel discussion 5: Religious and philanthropic apologists and identity problems

*Chair:* Lois Eveleth (Salve Regina University)

*Speaker:* Curtis L. Hancock (Rockhurst University): "Apologetics and the new atheism"

*Speaker:* Heather M. Erb (Great Books Academy/International Étienne Gilson Society): "Modernism and the Christian identity problems. Some Thomistic reflections on possible solutions"

*Speaker:* Joseph Indelicato (Catholic Education Foundation/Caritas Consulting): "Was Satan the first philanthropist?: Charitable giving versus Enlightened philanthropy"

10:30am-11:00am: Break

11:00am-12:30pm: Plenary Session papers and panel discussion 6: The new atheism, pantheism, and modern science

*Chair:* Richard Fafara (Adler-Aquinas Institute)

*Speaker:* Lois Eveleth (Salve Regina University): "The lure of pantheism"

*Speaker:* Sebastian Mahfood (Holy Apostles College and Seminary): "Mosquito Mating Habits and the New Atheism: An Investigation of How Dawkins' 'Memes' are Shaping the Conversation"

*Speaker:* Robert Delfino (St. John's University): "The failure of new atheism morality"

12:30pm-1:30pm: Lunch

1:30pm-3:00pm: Plenary Session papers and panel discussion 7: God, philosophy, and science

*Chair:* Heather M. Erb (Great Books Academy/International Etienne Gilson Society)

*Speaker:* Richard Fafara (Adler-Aquinas Institute): "Is philosophical atheism possible?"

*Speaker:* Fr. Ronald Hurl (Catholic University of America): "God and philosophy as a way of life for Etienne Gilson"

*Speaker:* Stacy Trasancos (Holy Apostles College and Seminary): "What did Stanley Jaki mean when he claimed science was born of Christianity?: How to tell the story and why telling it matters"

3:00pm-3:30pm: Break

3:30pm-5:30pm: Plenary Session papers and panel discussion 8: Some implications of classical and contemporary moral psychology on organizations and leadership

*Chair:* Fr. Ronald Hurl (Catholic University of America)



*Speaker:* Gregory Sadler (Marist College/Reason IO): "Dynamics of anger and the difficult good: Implications for organizations and leadership"

*Speaker:* Joseph Jordan (Aquinas Leadership International): "Contemporary moral psychology and leadership: Science or alchemy?"

6:00pm-7:00pm: Dinner

7:00pm-8:30pm: After-dinner paper and plenary session panel discussion 9: Are the new atheism and contemporary moral psychology essentially connected?

*Chair:* Sebastian Mahfood (Holy Apostles College and Seminary)

*Speaker:* Marvin Peláez (University Abat Oliba/Adler-Aquinas Institute): "The moral psychology of leadership: Not dog whispering"

8:30pm-10:00pm: Cocktail reception sponsored by Holy Apostles College and Seminary and the International Étienne Gilson Society honoring the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Center for the Study of The Great Ideas by Mortimer J. Adler and Max Weismann

## ◆ Saturday, 27 June 2015 ◆

7:00am-8:00am: Holy Mass

8:00am-9:00am: Breakfast

9:00am-10:00am: Plenary Session presentations and panel discussion 10: Religious education, government, and the State

*Chair:* Benjamin Block (Catholic University of America)

*Speaker:* Fr. Pawel Tarasiewicz (Adler-Aquinas Institute/ International Étienne Gilson Society): "State vs. God: On atheistic implications of European Statism"

*Speaker:* Fr. Tomasz Kopiczko (Elk Seminary-Warmia and Mazury University, Poland): "Analyzing the ineffectiveness of catechesis in Poland"

10:00am-10:30am: Break

10:30am-Noon: Plenary Session presentations and panel discussion 11: Using the cardinal moral virtues to build a moral culture of leadership excellence within organizations

*Chair:* Joseph Indelicato (Catholic Education Foundation/Caritas Consulting)

*Speaker:* Fulvio Di Blasi (Novareté) An exposition of the Novareté method for building and sustaining a moral culture within contemporary businesses

Lunch: Noon-1:00pm

1:00pm-2:00pm: Plenary Session presentations and panel discussion 12:

*Chair:* Curtis L. Hancock (Rockhurst University)

*Speaker:* Douglas M. Lindsay (Aquinas Leadership International): "Scientist, heal thyself! A personal story"

