

EUCCHARISTIC REVITALIZATION IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2021 @ ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY

A FORUM FOR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS SPONSORED BY THE PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL



SPEAKERS

Fr. Joseph T. Lienhard, SJ, a native of the Bronx, has been a member of the Society of Jesus since 1958. He was ordained a priest in 1971. After studies at several places in the United States, he received the degree of Dr. theol. from the University of Freiburg in 1975, with a dissertation on Paulinus of Nola. In 1986 he completed the "Habilitation" at Freiburg with a work on Marcellus of Ancyra. From 1975 until 1990 he taught at Marquette University in Milwaukee; since 1990 he has been at Fordham University. He has also held chairs or visiting appointments at John Carroll University, Boston College, St. Joseph's Seminary Dunwoodie, the Pontifical Biblical Institute, and the Pontifical Gregorian University. "In 2015, he published the volume *St. Augustine: Writings on the Old Testament*."

Fr. Herald Joseph Brock, CFR, joined the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in 1988 and was ordained a priest in 1994. He has directed the friars' shelters for homeless men in the Bronx and worked closely with YOUTH 2000 New York. As a missionary in Honduras he established St. Benedict Joseph Free Medical Center for the poor and Casa Guadalupe Missionary Center, and in South Sudan built the House of Mercy Spiritual Center. Fr. Herald has preached throughout the US and traveled to more than 30 nations, mostly in the developing world.

Dr. Charles Camosy, Ph.D., originally from Wisconsin, has focused in his work on finding intellectual solidarity between divergent political and ethical approaches. He is the founding member of the organizing committee for an international conference designed to think and speak differently about abortion, the founder and co-director of the [Catholic Conversation Project](#), an editor and contributor for [catholicmoraltheology.com](#), and a board member of Democrats for Life. Camosy is also on the board of the College Theology Society and the advisory board of the New Evangelical Partnership for the Common Good. He is part of the international working group *Contending Modernities*, exploring how Catholicism, Islam and Secular Liberalism can productively interact in the public sphere. He holds his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana.

The Day's Agenda

12 pm	Seminary Chapel: Mass for Deceased Alumni
1 pm	Lunch: Refectory
2pm	1st Presentation: Rev. Fr. Joseph Lienhard, SJ - "The Eucharist Believed – A Revitalized Understanding"
2:45pm	2nd Presentation: Rev. Fr. Herald Brock, CFR - "Eucharistic Coherence as a Call to Conversion"
2:45-3:00pm	Coffee Break
3:00pm	3rd Presentation: Charles Camosy, Ph.D. - "Eucharistic Coherence as a Matter of Personal Conscience"
3:45pm-4:30pm	Break – Out Sessions
4:30pm	Re-assemble for Group Reports & Speaker Q & A
5:00pm	Conclusion

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This coming November, the U.S. Catholic bishops will gather at their annual meeting of the USCCB to consider a pastoral letter on the Eucharist. The letter forms part of a wider initiative to launch a “Eucharistic revitalization” for American Catholics at a time when surveys indicate a diminishing understanding of what the Church teaches about the Eucharist as sacrifice and the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharistic elements. Some bishops also feel the need to call for “consistency” between reception of Holy Communion and being in communion with the Church by avoiding mortal sin and public acts that give rise to scandal. The Eucharist invites all Catholics to an examination of conscience to determine whether one believes and acts in accord with the norms of the moral law and the Church.

As priests of the Archdiocese of New York, we desire to reflect on the Church’s faith in the Eucharist and how we can draw ourselves and our people more deeply into the mystery. Our Catechesis needs to be faithful to the doctrinal tradition of the Church, while at the same time taking account of the obstacles that stand in the way of people’s religious practice today. How can we in the Archdiocese of New York participate in a nationwide revival of Eucharistic faith, while at the same time appreciating more deeply the devotional traditions of our local ethnic and cultural communities? While none of us are fully worthy to receive Christ’s gift of himself in the Eucharist, we have supreme confidence that the grace of the sacrament can heal us and restore us to a loving relationship with him and with all our brothers and sisters in the faith.

On Thursday November 4th 2021 at St. Joseph’s Seminary, following the Annual Mass for Deceased Alumni and a luncheon, the Presbyteral Council will sponsor a forum starting at 2:00 PM with three speakers: Father Joseph Lienhard, S.J. of Fordham University, who will present on the theme “The Eucharist Believed – A Revitalized Understanding”; Father Herald Brock, C.F.R., who will address the topic “Eucharistic Coherence as a Call to Conversion”; and Charles Camosy, Ph.D. of Fordham University (and Visiting Scholar at St. Joseph’s Seminary, Fall 2021), who will speak on the topic “Eucharistic Coherence as a Matter of Personal Conscience.”

These presentations will be followed by a break-out session during which smaller groups of priests will provide input on the topics already addressed, which will then be reported back to the larger assembly for a final Q & A session with the presenters.

If you can join us for the conference, please email The Presbyteral Council at
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We sincerely look forward to your participation in this important conversation!