Thursday Afternoon, March 1, 2018
Courtyard Philadelphia City Avenue

3:00-5:00 p.m. and Registration and Book Exhibit
7:30-9:00 Ballroom Lobby

4:15-5:15: Plenary Address I
Fairmount Ballroom
Chairperson: James Hanink, Independent Scholar

Thursday Evening, March 1, 2018
Courtyard Philadelphia City Avenue

5:15 PM: OPENING MASS—
Junior Ballroom
Celebrant: Rev. Christopher Cullen, S.J.

6:00-7:30 PM: DINNER: Please see Hotel list for dining recommendations.

7:30-9:30 PM: CONCURRENT SESSION I

1.1 International Natural Law Society
Location: Ballroom A
Chairperson: Walter Raubicheck, Pace University
- James Jacobs, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans: “Transcendental Love and the Natural Law”

1.2 Philosophy and Scientific Inquiry
Location: Ballroom B
Chairperson: J. Raymond Zimmer, Independent Scholar
• John G. Brungardt, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile: “Is There a Straight Line in Space between Two Thomists? On the Other Debate between Maritain and De Koninck”
• Mark Moes, Grand Valley State University: “Matter and Time in Charles DeKoninck’s Cosmos”

1.3 Truth and Culture
Location: Ballroom C
Chairperson: Joe Butera, Providence College
• Matthew Kent Siebert, Belmont Abbey College: “Faith in Science”
• John Hittinger, University of St. Thomas (TX): “The Progress of Conscience in a Technological and Ideological Age”

1.4 Nature and God
Location: Junior Ballroom
Chairperson: James Hanink, Independent Scholar
• Travis Dumsday, Concordia University of Edmonton: “Alexander of Hales on Panentheism”
• Jessica M. Murdoch, Villanova University: “Can Nature be Trusted?”

**Friday Morning, March 2, 2018**
Courtyard Philadelphia City Avenue

9:00am-5:00pm Registration and Book Exhibit
Ballroom Lobby

8:00-10:00 AM: CONCURRENT SESSIONS II

2.1 Virtue
Location: Ballroom A
Chairperson: Peter Colosi, Salve Regina University
• Catherine Yanko, Franciscan University: “The Necessary Role of Action in Aquinas’s Theory of Qualitative Intension Regarding Charity”
• Julien Tosques, Franciscan University: “How Infused and Acquired Virtue Exist in the Christian”
• Heidi Giebel, University of St. Thomas: “Aquinas the Social Scientist?: Thomistic Moral Philosophy and Contemporary Psychology”

2.2 Metaphysics and the Philosophy of Nature
Location: Ballroom B  
Chairperson: Rev. Ambrose Mary Little, O.P., The University of Virginia  
- Matthew Minerd, Ss. Cyril and Methodius Seminary: “Analogy and Methodology: Maritain and the Proper Method of Metaphysics”  
- Nikolaj Zunic, St. Jerome’s University: “The Metaphysical Foundations of Science: Maritain Confronts Einstein”  

2.3 Natural Theology  
Location: Ballroom C  
Chairperson: Jesse Russell, Georgia Southwestern State University  
- William Haggerty, Gannon University: “E. L. Mascall On The Five Ways”  
- Brandon Dahm, Franciscan University: “Divine Authority and the Virtue of Religion: A Thomistic Response to Mark Murphy”  
- Evan R. Williams, University of St. Thomas (TX): “Providence and the Limits of Natural Explanation in Thomistic Cosmology”  

10:15-12:15: PLENARY II  
Fairmount Ballroom  
Chairperson: James Jacobs, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans  

12:15-1:15: LUNCH: Please see Hotel list for dining recommendations.

Friday Afternoon, March 2, 2018  
Courtyard Philadelphia City Avenue  

1:15-2:15 PM: Plenary III  
Fairmount Ballroom  
Chairperson: Joshua Schulz, DeSales University  
- Anthony Rizzi, The Institute for Advanced Physics, “The Real Conflict between Science, Morality and the Faith: Why are we losing on every front? We have found the enemy and he is us!”  

2:15-2:30: Presentation of the American Maritain Association Humanitarian Award  

2:45-4:45 PM: CONCURRENT SESSION III  

3.1 Humanity’s Duty to Creation
3.2 Thomism and C.S. Peirce: Semiotics and Pragmatism
Location: Ballroom B
Chairperson: Donna E. West, State University of New York at Cortland
- Marco Stango, Penn State University: “Thomism and Pragmatism: The 1944 Wilmon Henry Sheldon-Jacques Maritain Debate”
- Donna E. West, State University of New York at Cortland: “Potency within the Sign Versus Thirdness within the Felt Interpretant: Maritain’s Versus Peirce’s Semiotic”
- J. Raymond Zimmer, Independent Scholar: “Triadic Relations and Jacques Maritain’s Discussion (1951) of Reactions to Positivistic Conception of Science”

3.3 Friendship and Politics
Location: Ballroom C
Chairperson: Siobhan Nash-Marshall, Manhattanville College
- Herbert Hartmann, Catholic University of America: “Love and the Measure of Pleasure”

**Friday Evening, March 2, 2018**
Courtyard Philadelphia City Avenue

5:00 PM: MASS—
Junior Ballroom
Rev. Christopher Cullen, S.J.

5:30-7:00 PM: DINNER: Please see Hotel list for dining recommendations.

7:00-9:00 PM: CONCURRENT SESSIONS IV

4.1 Intuition and Epistemological Realism
Location: Ballroom A
Chairperson: Megan Furman, University of Dallas
- Denis A. Scrandis, Independent Scholar: “Maritain’s Critical Realism and Some Twentieth Century Thomists”
- Victor Chernyshov, Poltava Yuri Kondratiuk National Technical University (Ukraine): “Jacques Maritain’s Critique of Intuition”
- Siobhan Nash-Marshall, Manhattanville College: “Aporias and Foundations”

4.2 Morality: Inclination and Sin
Location: Ballroom B
Chairperson: James Jacobs, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans
- Marie George, St. John’s University: “Does Might Make Right in the Animal Kingdom or Do Some Animals Act on Moral Grounds?”
- Sr. Mary Veronica Sabelli, RSM, St. Vincent College: “Law and Love; Science, Philosophy and Faith”
- Mark Spinnenweber, Franciscan University: "A Revisionist Aristotelian-Thomist Conception of Mortal Sin"

4.3 Evolution
Location: Ballroom C
Chairperson: Travis Dumsday, Concordia University of Edmonton
- Thomas K. Nelson, MD, Mayo Clinic: “Was Stanley Jaki a Theistic Evolutionist?”

9:00-10:00—RECEPTION
Junior Ballroom

Saturday Morning, March 3, 2018
Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary

7:30 AM: Bus Departs Hotel for Notre Dame Seminary
8:00 AM: Continental Breakfast—Seminary Lower Campus

8:45-10:45 AM: CONCURRENT SESSION V— Vianney Hall, Seminary Upper Campus,

5.1 Thomism and Continental Thinkers
Location: Classroom 104
Chairperson: Rev. Christopher Cullen, S.J., Fordham University
5.2 Millenials and God

Location: Classroom 105
Chairperson: James Jacobs, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans

- Avery Kaczka, Manhattanville College: “Regarding the Self-Evidence of God’s Existence”
- Jesse Juarez, Manhattanville College: "Luke Skywalker and Jesus of Nazareth: Is There Room for Historical Truth in Millennials?"
- Stephanie Havens, Manhattanville College: “Finding God in a Dark World”

5.3 The Scientific Method: Fact, Induction, Explanation

Location: Classroom 106
Chairperson: Timothy Kearns, Legionaries of Christ College of Humanities

- Michael Torre, University of San Francisco: “Yves R. Simon: The Idea of ‘Fact’ and the Diversity of the Sciences”
- Jude Dougherty, The Catholic University of America: “Peirce, Maritain, and Other Scholastics on the Problem of Induction”

5.4 Poetic Knowledge and Human Nature

Location: Classroom 107
Chairperson: John G. Trapani, Walsh University

- Jesse Russell, Georgia Southwestern State University: “The Anthropological Sea-Change behind Jacques Maritain’s Poetic Metamorphosis from *Art and Scholasticism* to *Creative Intuitive in Art and Poetry*”
- Stephen Chamberlain, Rockhurst University: “Literary Knowledge: Story as a *Kind of Science*”
- Gregory Kerr, DeSales University: “Charles Taylor and the Invisible Self”

5.5 The Soul: Individuality and Unity

Location: Classroom 108
Chairperson: Joe Butera, Providence College

- Peter Colosi, Salve Regina University: “Contemporary Neuroscience and Classical Philosophy: Reunited on the Brain-Mind/Soul Question”
- Jon Haines, University of St. Thomas (TX): “A Recurring Problem of Unity in Difference: The Human Substantial Form”
- Chris Zedick, Franciscan University: “An Examination of Edith Stein’s Interpretation of Individuation”
11:00-12:00 PM: PLENARY SESSION IV
Vianney Auditorium, Seminary Upper Campus
Chairperson: Michael Torre, University of San Francisco
  • Sr. Prudence Allen, RSM, Concordia University (Montreal) and St. John Vianney
    Theological Seminary [Retired]: "Maritain, Generation, and Science"

Saturday Afternoon, March 3, 2018
Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary-

12:15-1:45 PM: LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING
Seminary Lower Campus

2:00-2:45 PM: Presidential Address
Vianney Auditorium, Seminary Upper Campus
Chairperson: John G. Trapani, Walsh University
  • James Hanink, Independent Scholar, "First Principles, Common Sense, and
    Science: The Presence of a President Past"

3:00-5:00 PM: CONCURRENT SESSION VI— Vianney Hall, Seminary Upper Campus

6.1 Millennials and the World
Location: Classroom 104
Chairperson: Gregory Kerr, DeSales University
  • Maximilian V. Grabler, Manhattanville College: “The Kantian Spiderman”
  • Walter Argueta, Manhattanville College: “Concurreing Boredom: 19th Century
    Philosophy's Solutions”
  • Amanda Westin, Manhattanville College: “On Boredom”

6.2 Natural Law and Political Philosophy
Location: Classroom 105
Chairperson: William Haggerty, Gannon University
  • Rev. Christopher Cullen, S.J., Fordham University: “John Locke: The Law of
    Nature and Nature’s God”
  • Anne Wiles, James Madison University: “Jefferson, Madison and Maritain:
    Natural Law and Natural Rights”
  • Megan Furman, University of Dallas: “Leo Strauss on Reason and Revelation: A
    Surprising Synthesis?”

6.3 The Philosophical Legacy of John Deely
Location: Classroom 106
Chairperson: John Hittinger, University of St. Thomas (TX)
  • Chris Morrissey, Seminary of Christ the King, BC: “Science and Wisdom: From
    Jacques Maritain to John Deely”
• Brooke Deely, St. Vincent College, “Getting the Middle Term Right: Cenoscopy, Ideoscopy, and the Formal Objects of Sciences”

6.4 Human Nature and Human Dignity
Location: Classroom 107
Chairperson: Sr. Anne Frances Ai Le, O.P., Loyola Marymount University
• Robert Delaney, University of Holy Cross: “Mother Nature or Mother Church: Examining Camille Paglia and Jacques Maritain’s View of Human Nature”
• James M. Murdoch, Jr., Villanova University: “Human Nature and Morality among Dependent Rational Animals: Biology and Natural Law in MacIntyre’s Virtue Ethics”
• Rev. Witold Kania, University of Silesia/Katowice: “Humanistic Foundation of Bioethics: Jacques Maritain and Edmund D. Pellegrino’s Contribution to Contemporary Debate”

6.5 Substantial Form in Science
Location: Classroom 108
Chairperson: Herbert Hartmann, Catholic University of America
• Fernando Riofrio, Universidad de Piura, Peru: “Metaphysics Z 17’s Ontological Deduction of Form as Principle and Primary Substance through the Analysis of Becoming”
• Tom McLaughlin, St. John Vianney Seminary: “Energy and Form”
• Rev. Ambrose Mary Little, O.P., The University of Virginia: “Scientific Models and Demonstrating the Substantial Form”

Saturday Evening, March 3, 2018
Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary

5:15 PM: CLOSING MASS
   Immaculate Conception Chapel, Seminary Upper Campus
   The Most Rev. Timothy Senior, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia and Rector of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary

6:15 PM: Reception
   Seminary Lower Campus

7:15 AMA ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET
   Seminary Lower Campus

9:00 PM: Bus returns to Hotel