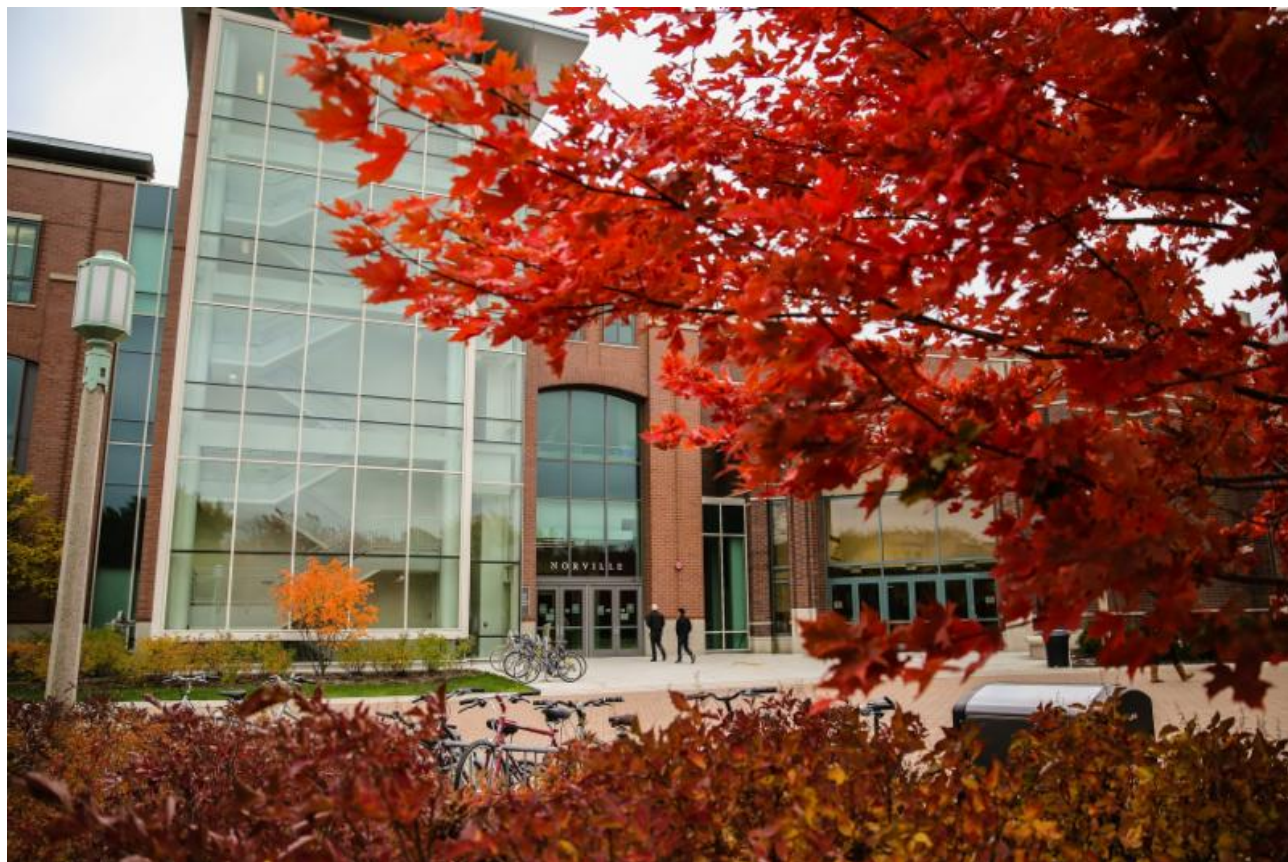


November 2016



## From the Desk of Fr. Mark Bosco, S.J.

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

St. Anselm's motto, *fides quarens intellectum*, can be translated as "faith seeking understanding." Anselm, a great medieval scholar, proposed that all inquiry and study should draw on the resources of both human experience and faith as we search for what God requires of us. Anselm's motto is the *raison d'être* of the Catholic intellectual life, for it suggests that reason is informed by faith as much as faith is clarified, even purified, by the light of reason.

The Hank Center wades into faith seeking understanding in a variety of ways this November. We invite you to the Pierre Teilhard de Chardin Lecture by the award-winning Irish poet John F. Deane, who will offer a meditation on the nature of experience in our search of transcendent meaning. A week later we move from the poetics of faith to the poetry of the cosmos: join us for our "Faith and Science Symposium" on astronomy, led by the renowned Cornell physicist, Jonathan Lunine.

We pivot from cosmology to cultural theory in our final event of the semester, Catholic Minds, Catholic Matters, for a discussion of the work of René Girard, led by Loyola's Andrew McKenna. Dr. McKenna has devoted much of his time these past few years going to Chicago-area jails and reading the literary classics with prison inmates. Dr. McKenna will reflect on this experience in light of Girard's theories on mimetic violence. All in all, a month of events that draw us into a rich conversation. Please see below for more details.

All good things,  
Fr. Mark

## PROPOSALS OPEN

### Andalusia in Andalusia: An International Conference on Flannery O'Connor



June 22-25, 2017  
Seville, Spain

The call for proposals for the *Andalusia in Andalusia* conference is now open. The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2017. Please click [here](#) to view recommended topics and to learn how to submit.

## IGNATIAN HERITAGE MONTH



Loyola is hosting several events in honor of Ignatian Heritage month this November. A selection of these events are listed below. Click [here](#) for a full schedule of events and more information on Ignatian Heritage Month.

## HUNGER WEEK



November 7-12

Hunger Week has been a tradition at Loyola for over 40 years. Each year, committed students are selected to create a week of activities and programs that increase awareness of hunger issues and raise funds for local,



## A Luminous Absence: Poetry and the Need for God's Absence

Thursday, November 3  
3:30PM-5:30PM

**Loyola University Chicago**  
Palm Court, Mundelein Center  
1032 W. Sheridan Rd.  
Chicago, IL 60660

Irish poet and novelist [John F. Deane](#) is the 2016 Teilhard de Chardin, SJ, Fellow in Catholic Studies. He will give a lecture focusing on the poetry of Seamus Heaney, with additional work from poets Denise Levertov, Fred Marchant, George Herbert, Gerard Manley Hopkins, and others. Deane's talk explores the poetry of faith and endeavors to discover the personal response of poets to the person of Jesus Christ.

The work of Seamus Heaney provides the grounding for the notion of how the non-presence of God is deeply important for a real and living faith. If the absence of God to our senses is important, then poetry can also demonstrate the necessity for a prayer-life that is tied to poetic inspiration, an allowing of the mind and heart to listen and focus on the Other. Poetry and prayer are closely aligned in how the individual becomes permeable to God.

**Event is free and open to the public.**

## Astronomy and Faith: From Lemaitre's Big Bang to the Jesuit Fathers of the Vatican Observatory.

Thursday, November 10  
4:00PM-5:00PM

**Loyola University Chicago**  
Palm Court, Mundelein Center  
1032 W. Sheridan Rd.  
Chicago, IL 60660

Against the backdrop of the present-day polemics regarding "science vs. faith" is the story of how the Big Bang model came to be, thanks to a Catholic priest. Frontier research in modern astronomy continues to be pursued today at the Vatican. Speaker Dr. Jonathan Lunine will describe his experiences working with these top-notch Jesuit astronomers.

[Dr. Jonathan Lunine](#) is the David C. Duncan Professor in the Physical Sciences and the Director of the Cornell Center for Astrophysics and Planetary Science. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and has participated in or chaired a number of advisory and strategic planning committees for the Academy and for NASA.

**Event is free and open to the public.**

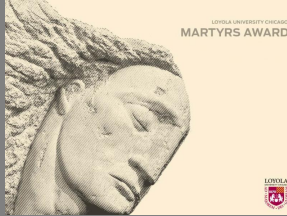


national and global beneficiaries dedicated to fighting hunger.

Click [here](#) for a full schedule of Hunger Week events.

## MARTYRS AWARD

### Presentation and Memorial Mass



**Wednesday, November 16**

**Award Ceremony: 3:30 PM**  
Information Commons, 4th Floor

**Mass: 5:15 PM**  
Madonna Della Strada Chapel

**Loyola University Chicago**  
1032 W. Sheridan Rd.  
Chicago, IL 60660

The [Martyrs Award](#) is given in honor of the UCA Martyrs in El Salvador and in support of the University's commitment to social justice.

The award this year is going to The Comisión Intereclesial de Justicia y Paz. The work of the Comisión Intereclesial de Justicia y Paz is unique in that as an interfaith human rights organization it combines social analysis with intervention and advocacy. The commission has a deep concern for social justice for the indigenous communities of Colombia.

**EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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## **Catholic Minds, Catholic Matters Lecture Series: René Girard, Moral Injury, and Literary Knowledge**

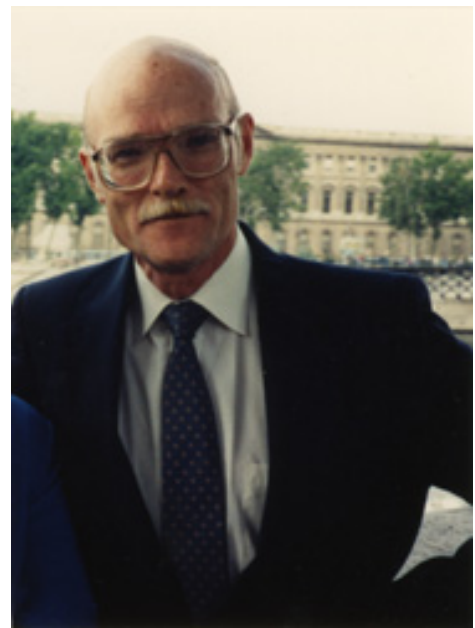
**Tuesday, November 15**  
3:30PM-5:00PM

**Loyola University Chicago**  
McCormick Lounge, Coffey Hall  
1032 W. Sheridan Rd.  
Chicago, IL 60660

Professor emeritus [Andrew McKenna](#) will give a lecture on his volunteer work teaching two writing-intensive literature courses at Stateville Correctional Center. He will further discuss how René Girard's sacrificial theory of cultural organization illuminates the links between Western literary masterpieces and the canon of African-American literature.

Dr. McKenna aims to encourage attention-and possible volunteer service- to the needs of humanist learning for a population that is mostly being warehoused to no benefit for anyone. His talk links humanistic and religious traditions to a critical understanding of institutional practices.

**Event is free and open to the public.**



## **Full Length Independent Feature Film *Ignacio de Loyola***

**Monday, November 7**  
6:00PM

**Wednesday, November 9**  
11:30AM

**Wednesday, November 9**  
3:00PM

**Loyola University Chicago**  
Damen Student Center Cinema  
1032 W. Sheridan Rd.  
Chicago, IL 60660

In honor of Ignatian Heritage Month, the Hank Center, in cooperation with Campus Ministry, is sponsoring three showings of a major recent release. [Ignacio de Loyola](#) is a thrilling look at the life of founder of the Society of Jesus. We follow Ignacio's transformation from a brash, impulsive youth obsessed with women and sword-fighting to the masterful, charismatic leader of an order that would change the face of

Christendom. Post film conversation to follow.

**Event is free and open to the public.**

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## About the Center

The Joan and Bill Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage exists to help faculty and students recognize and research Roman Catholic thought and its link to all academic disciplines in the university. It also seeks to convey that thought to other audiences inside and outside Loyola University Chicago.