Catholic Social Justice: Looking Back and Moving Forward

February 9 – March 14, 2007

A little over 20 years ago the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a path-breaking pastoral letter on Catholic social teaching and the U.S. economy titled “Economic Justice for All: Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy.” Written in consultation with a range of Catholic social justice and lay groups, the letter called upon American Catholics to consider their economic behavior in the context of their religious beliefs. This series of discussions looks back on the 20 year anniversary of the release of the letter and forward to new strategies on improving the state of Catholic social justice and the economy today.

Location: The Catholic University of America

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A series of discussions about the impact of Economic Justice for All: Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy and its relevancy today.

Friday, February 9
1:30–3 p.m.
The 1986 Economic Pastoral: Two Views on Its Making and Meaning
Father Bryan Hidier
John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
David O’Brien
History Department, College of the Holy Cross
Location: Caldwell Hall 100, Happel Room

3:30–5:30 p.m.
Impact of the 1986 Pastoral: At Home and Abroad
Kathleen Aune Wiegert
Center for Social Justice Research, Teaching and Service, Georgetown University
William D’Antonio
Sociology Department, Catholic University
Joseph Capizzi
Theology and Religious Studies, Catholic University
Location: Caldwell Hall 100, Happel Room

Thursday, February 15
4–5:30 p.m.
Asset Building: Catholic Social Thought and a New Strategy for Helping the Poor
Ray Boshara
New America Foundation
James Bailey
Department of Theology, Duquesne University
Location: Pryzbyla Center, Room 321/323

Wednesday, March 7
4–5:30 p.m.
Catholic Social Justice: The Current Legislative Agenda
John Carr
Office of Social Development and World Peace, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
Candy Hill
Catholic Charities USA
Catherine Pinkerton
Network, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
Location: Pryzbyla Center, Room 321/323

Wednesday, March 14
7–8:30 p.m.
Workshop: The Living Wage Movement: Why It Matters and How to Help
Mackenzie Baris
DC Jobs With Justice
Thomas Shellabarger
Office of Social Development and World Peace, Domestic Social Development, USCCB
Location: Pryzbyla Center, Room 321/323

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