Faber Symposium II
June 16-18, 2017

Call for Papers

Dear Brothers:

In the last fifty years, Jesuit companions such as Frs. George Ganss, John Sheets, Martin Palmer, and David Fleming, dedicated themselves to writing on Jesuit spirituality, history, and way of proceeding. They answered the summons of the Second Vatican Council to engage in aggiornamento, i.e., a rediscovery and recommitment to the original charism of the Society of Jesus in such a way that took account of the signs of the times and the needs of the present.

The Society of Jesus in the US and Canada recognizes a need to cultivate a new generation of Jesuit writers on these subjects. To encourage and accompany them, the editor of STUDIES IN THE SPIRITUALITY OF JESUITS hosts an annual “Faber Symposium” in Chicago, at which Jesuits can present papers on the Society’s spirituality and history.

Presenters receive immediate feedback from the audience in the form of an open discussion on their work, including encouragement, critiques, and suggestions for further research. Always present in the audience will be Jesuits with expertise in these fields.

Jesuits may present on that which they are preparing for term papers, theses, dissertations, in addition to essays for publication. One emphasis of the symposium will be to evaluate papers in light of Jesuit primary sources, to the extent that this is relevant to the subject of the paper. Where does the thesis find support in the Spiritual Exercises, Autobiography, Spiritual Diary, Constitutions and Complementary Norms, Formula of the Institute, Ignatius’s letters, etc.?

Examples from the papers given at the 2016 Faber Symposium include:

Bill Woody, SJ: “The Jesuit Ministry of Reconciliation”
Peter Nguyen, SJ: "Cor Jesu and Pope Francis's Vision of a Merciful Church"
Pedro Cameira, SJ: “Psychology of the Spiritual Exercises”
Quan Tran, SJ: “Cultural Differences and the Spiritual Exercises”
Joe Laramie, SJ: “Liturgical Themes in the Spiritual Exercises”
Barton Geger, SJ: “Bending the Knee to Baal: St. Ignatius on Jesuit Vocation Promotion.”

Depending on the number of papers that are submitted, the Symposium might not be able to honor all of them. Those who wish to present are asked to submit a one-page summary no later than March 1, 2017, to Bart Geger at bgeger@regis.edu. A committee will review prospecti and notify Jesuits of the results in early April.

Any Jesuit can attend the Symposium for the purposes of listening and participating in conversations. Please notify Bart of your attendance at bgeger@regis.edu at your earliest convenience.
Attendees at the 2017 Faber Symposium will include (with more to be named later):

**Fr. John Padberg, SJ**, historian and writer, former chair of the Institute of Jesuit Sources in St. Louis, Missouri, and editor of the 1996 English edition of the Jesuit Constitutions.

**Fr. André Brouillette, SJ**, assistant professor of spiritual and systematic theology at Boston College, specialist in Jesuit studies.


Cost: In order to defray costs, the Faber Symposium is held at “Our Lady of the Angels Mission,” part of which includes a conference and retreat center operated by an order of young religious women called the Franciscans of the Eucharist. The Mission is located 30 minutes from O’Hare airport. The address is 3808 W Iowa St, Chicago, IL 60651.

Participants must arrange their own travel to the Symposium in Chicago. The Franciscan sisters ask for a free-will offering; consequently, the Faber Symposium asks that participants plan to contribute $100 for their stay.

The Symposium begins with a Mass and social on Friday evening at 5 p.m., followed by a full day of papers on Saturday, and more papers on Sunday until noon. All Masses and meals take place at the Mission, excepting Saturday dinner, when attendees go out to eat.

Questions can be directed to Bart Geger at 720-209-2770.

Please consider giving a paper at the Symposium, and please consider this a service and a gift to all of our companions in the Society.

Yours in the Lord,

[signed]

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