



7th Biennial

Vincentian Chair of Social Justice Conference

**Poverty Eradication and
Intergenerational Justice:
*Stewardship, Solidarity
and Subsidiarity***

October 22, 2011

12:30 – 6 p.m.

Queens Campus

D'Angelo Center, Room 416

To overcome the great inequalities in wealth, income, consumption and access to resources throughout the world, we must learn to live in solidarity and practice subsidiarity as good stewards of the earth and good neighbors. This conference examines the conditions and the attitudes necessary for the advancement of the common good. Through the perspective of Catholic Social Thought and the Vincentian Tradition, we will view the role and responsibility of governments, civil society, businesses, and individuals to eradicate poverty and advance sustainable prosperity with intergenerational justice for all.



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Program Highlights:



1 p.m.

Keynote: *"The Values, Virtues and Principles for a Just and Sustainable Future"*

Daniel K. Finn, Ph.D., Professor of Theology and the William E. and Virginia Clemens Chair in Economics and the Liberal Arts at St. John's University in Collegeville, MN. Author of *The True Wealth of Nations* (Oxford, 2010).

1:50 p.m.

Plenary Panel: *The Role and Responsibility of the Market, Civil Society and Government in Achieving Intergenerational Justice.*

Markets:



Scott J. Budde, CFA

Managing Director, TIAA-CREF Asset Management

Civil Society:



Joan Rosenhauer

Director of US Operations, Catholic Relief Services

Government:



Hon. Michael A. Benjamin

Former Member, NYS Assembly, District 79

3 p.m.

Roundtables: Intergenerational Solidarity

Roundtables are interdisciplinary and open dialogues, led by experts. All participants are invited to learn from the experts in the group and to contribute thoughts, questions and comments in a dialogue format to shape strategies. In order to develop strategies toward Intergenerational Solidarity, participants at each Roundtable consider: "What is the individual's responsibility to future generations?" "What patterns of consumption will need to be adjusted to achieve economic and social justice?"

1. The Nexus of Energy, Water and Food Security: Achieving Social Justice — In the context of the future and intergenerational concerns, this Roundtable discusses the nexus of energy, water and food security policies and how they impact each other. We examine push-pull factors at this nexus and identify steps and actions for achieving social justice for a sustainable future.

2. Environmental Harmony and Justice — Environmental Sustainability must be examined as a moral imperative that demands consideration beyond politics, economics and even science. This Roundtable examines the urgency that compels each of us to commit to personal and communal initiatives to aim toward environmental justice and to re-establish a harmonious relationship between the earth and her people.



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3. The Evolving Nature of Work and Workers — Human history is fraught with tensions and battles between employers and employees. Evolving technologies have continuously re-shaped the organization of human labor. How is the 21st century changing and challenging the human dignity found in work? How can we protect the dignity of work for future generations?

4. The Social Environment and Epidemiology — Conditions such as pollution, access to food sources and hazardous waste as well as natural disasters may compromise one's health. Additionally, social factors such as workplace stress, conflict and racism can affect physiological and mental health. The costs of these factors, such as an inability to learn or earn, is enormous. What can individuals and communities do to help chart a healthier future for all, and especially persons who live in poverty, who suffer discrimination, oppression and environmental hazards?

5. Political Economy of Peace and Security — The wide and growing gap between the rich and poor, as well as the shrinking middle class, may be the biggest threat to peace and security, both within and between countries. This roundtable discusses the causes of this rise in inequality and suggests pathways we can take to create a more equitable, peaceful and secure world.

6. Learning to Live Justly and in Peace — Education is critical for people to acquire the knowledge and skills to change their consumption behavior and to become more creative and active citizens. With a special concern for persons living in poverty or who are disabled, what must be the priorities for education to better prepare people for life, for job security and the demands of a rapidly changing world and technological advances.

4:15 p.m.

Plenary Session: Toward Intergenerational Justice

Each Roundtable presents the ways that change can occur to achieve intergenerational justice.

Dr. Daniel Finn and the panelists participate in this moderated discussion.

5:30 p.m.

Liturgy

St. Thomas More Church

Presider: Rev. James Maher, C.M., Executive Vice President for Mission

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