Introduction to Christianity at 50

(All sessions will take place in McKenna Hall auditorium unless otherwise specified)

Sunday, November 4

1:00 pm Registration open, Atrium

1:00 - 4:30pm Graduate Student papers, 100-104 McKenna Hall

1:00 – 1:15 The Ground Where Reason Rests: Modern Doubt and the Mystery of Creation
Kristi Haas, University of Notre Dame

1:15 – 1:30 The Fragile 'I': Glimpsing the Infinite Gulf: Reflections on Doubt in Today's World
Fr. Aaron Wessman, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

1:30 – 1:45 Belief, Doubt, and the Mystery of Existence: the Human Person as ‘Wayfarer’ in the Writings of Flannery O'Connor and Walker Percy
Jordan Haddad, Catholic University of America

1:45 – 2:00 Q&A

2:15 – 2:30 An Inculturated Introduction: Reintroducing Christianity in the Context of U.S. Hispanic Catholicism
Greg Cruess, University of Notre Dame

2:30 – 2:45 Christianity and the Manifold Word of God
Matthew Vale, University of Notre Dame

2:45 – 3:00 The Ecclesial Dimension of the Creed: Considerations from Introduction to Christianity in Light of Postmodernity
Veronica Arntz, Marquette University

3:00 – 3:15 Q&A

3:30 – 3:45 Temptation, Trauma, Trust: Narrative Christology and the American Prison
Richard Klee, University of Notre Dame

3:45 – 4:00 Addressed by God: Ratzinger, Chrétien, and Pärt on the Human Voice
Nathan Williams, Boston College

4:00 -4:15 Q&A

7:30 pm Keynote by Fr. Richard Schenk, O.P.
The Grammar of Articulate Faith between Memory and Recollection
Monday, November 5

8:00 – 8:30 am Continental breakfast available, Atrium

Systematic Considerations (Part 1)

8:30 – 8:50am Anthony Pagliarini: The Place of Scripture in the Introduction

8:50 – 9:10am Catherine Cavadini: The Place of Tradition in the Introduction

9:20 – 9:30 Q&A

9:30 – 9:45 am Break

Systematic Considerations (Part 2)

9:45 – 10:05 am Fr. Aaron Pidel, sj: Crossing Lessing’s ‘Ugly Broad Ditch’

10:05 – 10:25 am Jennifer Newsome Martin: The Proportional Radiance of the Whole: Beauty in Ratzinger’s Introduction to Christianity

10:25 – 10:45 am Q&A

10:45 – 11:00 am Break

11:00 – 12:15 pm Bishop Rudolf Voderholzer: Integral Faith Formation in the Spirit of the Second Vatican Council

12:15 – 2:00 pm Lunch

2:00 – 3:00 pm Cyril O’Regan: Reading the Introduction to Christianity in Light of Benedict’s Fundamental Theology

3:00 – 3:15 pm Break

3:15 – 4:15 pm Undergraduate Panel
Moderator: Cyril O’Regan

4:15 – 4:30 pm Break

4:30 – 5:30 pm Tracey Rowland: The Reception of Einfahrung das Christentum Among the Reviewers

5:30 pm Break for evening
Tuesday, November 6

8:00 – 8:30 am    Continental breakfast, Atrium

8:30 – 8:50 am    Systematic Considerations (Part 3)
                  Leonard DeLorenzo: As Seen from the End: Eschatology in the Introduction to Christianity

8:50 – 9:10 am    Timothy O’Malley: The Liturgical Metaphysics of Gift: Introduction to Christianity
                  and the Liturgical Thought of Josef Ratzinger

9:10 – 9:30 am    Q & A

9:30 – 9:45 am    Break

9:45 – 10:05 am   Systematic Considerations (Part 4)
                  Patrick Gardner: Against A Homeless Pneumatology: Ratzinger on the Spirit and the Church in the Modern World

10:05 – 10:25 am  Donald Wallenfang: Nein und doch: Ratzinger’s Philosophy of Renunciation in an Augustinian key

10:25 – 10:45 am  Q & A

10:45 – 11:00 am  Break

11:00 – 12:00 pm  Fr. Robert Imbelli: Joseph Ratzinger’s ‘Spiritual Christology’

12:00 – 1:30 pm   Lunch

1:30 – 1:50 pm    The Future
                  Tony Sciglitano: Benedict XVI and Charles Taylor: ”Being-for” in a post-Durkheimian age

1:50 – 2:10 pm    John Cavadini: The Pedagogy of Introducing

2:10 – 2:30 pm    Q & A

2:30 – 2:45 pm    Break

2:45 – 3:45 pm    Clemens Sedmak: On Christian Structures

3:45 – 4:00 pm    Break

4:00 – 5:00 pm    Francesca Murphy: Touching the Void: Ratzinger’s Soteriology

5:00 pm          Closing Remarks