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Thursday October 1

9:00 AM to 9:30 AM (Timonium Room 44 C)

Welcoming Remarks: Paul Richard Blum T.J. Higgins, S.J., Chair of Philosophy, Loyola University Maryland; Curtis L. Hancock, President of The Gilson Society for the Advancement of Christian Philosophy (USA), Joseph M. Freeman Chair of Philosophy, Rockhurst University

Plenary Panel 1: 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM (Timonium Room 44 C)

Chair: Fr. Pawel Tarasiewicz (The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland)

Presenter: Peter A. Redpath (St. John’s University, New York) “Why Thomist Humanism?”

Commentators: John N. Deely (Rudman Chair in Thomistic Studies, University of St. Thomas, Houston), Piotr Jaroszynski (Chair in The Philosophy of Culture, The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland), Paul Richard Blum (Loyola University Maryland)

Lunch: 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Plenary Panel 2: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM (Timonium Room 44 C)

Chair: Fr. Pawel Tarasiewicz (The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland)

Presenter: Graham McAleer (Loyola University Maryland) “‘*Caritas in veritate*’ – Remarks on the most recent Encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI.”

Commentators: Paul Seaton, St. Mary’s University and Seminary (Baltimore), Alexander S. Rosenthal, Department of Government, Johns Hopkins University (Washington DC).

Afternoon Break: 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Plenary Panel 3: 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM (Timonium Room 44 C)

Chair: John N. Deely (University of St. Thomas, Houston)

Presenter: Piotr Jaroszynski (The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland), “The Influence of Thomist Humanism on Polish Culture: Past, Present, and Future.”

Commentators: Fr. Pawel Tarasiewicz (The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland), Imelda Chlodna (The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland)

Friday October 2:

Plenary Panel 1: 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM (Timonium Room 44 C)

Chair: Imelda Chlodna (The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland)

Presenter: Robert Delfino (St. John’s University, New York), “Scientific Naturalism and the Foundation of Morality: A Neo-Thomist Response.”

Commentators: Piotr Jaroszynski (The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland), Fr. Pawel Tarasiewicz (The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland), Curtis L. Hancock (Rockhurst University, Kansas City)

Morning Break: 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM

Plenary Panel 2: 10:00 AM to 11:30 PM (Timonium Room 44 C)

Chair: Robert Delfino (St. John’s University, New York)

Presenter: Desmond J. FitzGerald (Professor Emeritus, University of San Francisco) “Gilson’s Lectures ‘On the Quest for Species’”

Commentators: Peter A. Redpath (St. John’s University, New York), Curtis L. Hancock (Rockhurst University, Kansas City)

Lunch: 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Plenary Panel 3: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM (Timonium Room 44 C)

Chair: Mark Ryland (Executive Director, Institute for the Study of Nature)

Presenter: James F. Salmon, SJ (Loyola University Maryland) “Humanity: Emergence and Evolution”

Commentators: Paul Richard Blum (Loyola University Maryland), Curtis L. Hancock (Rockhurst University, Kansas City)

Afternoon Break: 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Plenary Panel 4: 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM (Timonium Room 44 C)

Chair: Peter A. Redpath (St. John’s University, New York)

Presenter: Jude P. Dougherty (Dean Emeritus, School of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America) “Gilson and Remi Brague on Medieval Arabic Philosophy.”

Commentator: Nadja Germann (Loyola University Maryland)

Evening Reception at Timonium Lounge: 7:00 PM

Saturday October 3:

Plenary Panel 1: 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM (Timonium Room 44 C)

Chair: Peter A. Redpath (St. John’s University, New York)

Presenter: Thaddeus Kozinski (Wyoming Catholic College), “Why the Good Catholic Philosopher and the Good Catholic College Need Each Other.”

Commentators: Curtis L. Hancock (Rockhurst University, Kansas City), John Lyle (Headmaster, St. John Bosco Schools, Rochester, NY), Fr. Peter M. J. Stravinskias (Editor, “The Catholic Response”; Executive Director, The Catholic Education Foundation)

Morning Break: 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM

Plenary Panel 2: 10:00 AM to 11:30 PM (Timonium Room 44 C)

Chair: Fr. Pawel Tarasiewicz (The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland)

Presenter: Curtis L. Hancock (Rockhurst University, Kansas City), “‘The Education of the Philosopher’ and the Future of Catholic Education”

Commentators: Patrick S.J. Carmack (President, Universities of Western Civilization), Steve Bertucci (Director, The Angelicum Academy)

Homeschool Program), Imelda Chlodna (The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland)

Lunch: 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Plenary Panel 3: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM (Timonium Room 44 C)

Chair: Tom Michaud (Dean Graduate School of Professional Studies, West Liberty University, West Virginia) *Presenter:* Jim Maroosis (Fordham University, Graduate School of Business), “Why a Truly Thomistic Humanism Needs the Liberal Arts.” *Commentators:* John N. Deely (University of St. Thomas, Houston), Paul Richard Blum (Loyola University Maryland), Piotr Jaroszynski (The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland)

Afternoon Break: 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Plenary Panel 4: 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM (Timonium Room 44 C)

Chair: Desmond J. FitzGerald (University of San Francisco)
Presenter: Fr. James V. Schall, SJ (School of Government, Georgetown University) “Why Is There a Unity to Philosophical Experience?”
Commentators: Tom Michaud (Dean of the School of Professional Studies, West Liberty University, West Virginia), Piotr Jaroszynski (The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland), Peter A. Redpath (St. John’s University, New York)

Mass: 4:15 PM (Timonium Lounge)

**International Étienne Gilson Society Aquinas Medalist Address:
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM (Crowne Plaza Hotel)**

John N. Deely (Rudman Chair in Thomistic Studies, University of St. Thomas, Houston), “Why Thomist Humanism Needs to Redefine ‘Human’”

Congress Banquet: 7:45 PM (Crowne Plaza Hotel)

Presentation of Awards

The Aquinas Medal for Excellence in Christian Philosophy:

John N. Deely

The Pope John Paul the Great Thomist Humanist Award:

Patrick S.J. Carmack

The Caritas in Veritate Award:

Father Joseph Fessio, S.J.

The Reverend Bernard Quinn Memorial Award
For Inspirational Leadership in Catholic Education:

William Cardinal Keeler