



Extreme Wealth and Poverty and the Virtue of Enough

OCTOBER 17, 2009

In anticipation of the 2010 world-wide celebration of the 350th anniversary of the deaths of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac, the 6th Biennial Poverty Conference of the Vincentian Chair of Social Justice examines the global financial crisis from an ethical and economic perspective. The Chair takes this opportunity to address the "scandal of glaring inequalities" and accept the challenge of Pope Benedict in "Caritas in Veritate" to shape "a new vision" for the future. We propose that living with "enough" will be possible and necessary for a "new" globalization. Continuing the mission of Saints Vincent and Louise, the workshops showcase efforts to address systemic poverty and models of social transformation and integral development through the paradigm of Catholic Social Thought.

Program Highlights:

9 a.m.

**GLOBALIZATION, DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY:
The Crisis of Ethics and Economics**



Rev. Drew Christiansen, S.J., Ph.D.,

Editor-in-Chief, *America Magazine*

The cultural forces that have brought us to this current ethical crisis and the challenge of the Christian virtue of "enough"

H.E. Mr. Oscar de Rojas,

Director, *United Nations Financing for Development*

*Poverty and wealth and the hope of integral development:
The Millennium Development Goals*



10:15 a.m.

INTERNATIONAL PANEL:

**Global Awareness, The Financial Crisis,
MDGs and People Who Are Poor**

H.E. Mr. Hilario G. Davide, Jr.,

*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the Philippines to the United Nations*

H.E. Mrs. Carmen María Gallardo Hernández,
Ambassador of El Salvador to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Paul Badji,

*Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Senegal to the United Nations*

H.E. Ms. Sanja Štiglic,

Ambassador of Slovenia to the United Nations

1 p.m.

WORKSHOPS: (Participants attend two)

- A.** Environment: Sustaining Life and Health
- B.** Credit, Usury and Home Ownership
- C.** Mental Health in Stressful Times
- D.** Just Migration
- E.** Basic Literacies: Tools for Development
- F.** Redefining Poverty and Measuring Progress

3 p.m.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CONCERT:

Engage the Imagination

Music and lyrics that draw us into the lives of persons diminished by injustice and draw hearts and minds to the common good



Elizabeth and Joseph Mahowald,

*Stars of Broadway, Off-Broadway,
recording, film, television and
regional theatre*

4:30 p.m.

LITURGY

Presider and Homilist: **Rev. Patrick Griffin, C.M.,**
*Executive Vice President for Mission and Branch Campuses,
St. John's University*

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TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

LOCATION: Bent Hall, Queens campus

DIRECTIONS: www.stjohns.edu/directions

**Space is Limited.
Register Early!**