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The Joseph T. McCullen, Jr. Symposium on Catholic Social Thought and the Law

Catholic Social Thought and Citizenship

Villanova University School of Law
October 11, 2008

On the eve of the 2008 election, Villanova University School of Law's sixth annual symposium on Catholic social thought will take up the question of citizenship and political participation. Every four years, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops releases a document entitled **"Faithful Citizenship,"** and the media engage in speculation about the **"Catholic vote."** The Bishops assert that **"responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in public life is a moral obligation."** After visiting America, Alexis de Tocqueville worried that Christianity neglected the duty of citizenship while also arguing that religion was the first of America's political institutions.

But Catholic social thought arguably lacks a coherent account of citizenship. As John Coleman, S.J., complained in the pages of *Commonweal* over 20 years ago, **"Christianity has not adequately adumbrated or embodied the moral ideal of the citizen in its social ethics or popular preaching."** Among the questions to be addressed by the symposium are the responsibilities of citizenship in Catholic social teaching, the relationship between faithful citizenship and voting, the role of the American Catholic Church in public life, the duties of public officials, and the historical development of citizenship in Catholic social thought. The Symposium will bring together legal scholars, political scientists, theologians, and philosophers to explore the implications of citizenship for Catholic legal theory and for the role of religion in public life.

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Registration Form

8:45 a.m.	Welcome Mark Sargent Dean and Professor of Law Villanova University School of Law Michael Moreland Assistant Professor of Law Villanova University School of Law	12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m.	Lunch Keynote Address: Discipleship and Citizenship John Coleman, S.J. Charles Casassa Professor of Social Values Loyola Marymount University
9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Panel I: Historical Perspectives on Catholicism and Citizenship Michael Baxter Visiting Associate Professional Specialist in Theology University of Notre Dame John Keown Rose F. Kennedy Professor of Christian Ethics Georgetown University Michael White Professor of Philosophy and Professor of Law Arizona State University <i>Respondent:</i> Eugene McCarraher Associate Professor of Humanities and Augustinian Traditions Villanova University	1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.	Panel III: Citizenship and the Culture of Life John Breen Associate Professor of Law Loyola University-Chicago School of Law <i>Respondent:</i> Jeanne Heffernan Schindler Assistant Professor of Humanities and Augustinian Traditions Villanova University
10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Panel II: Conscience and Citizenship Greg Kalscheur, S.J. Associate Professor of Law Boston College Law School Aidan O'Neill, O.C. Queen's Counsel Edinburgh, Scotland Amy Uelmen Director, Institute on Religion, Law & Lawyer's Work Fordham Law School <i>Respondent:</i> Patrick McKinley Brennan John F. Scarpa Chair of Catholic Legal Studies and Professor of Law Villanova University School of Law	2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Panel IV: Citizenship and Catholic Social Teaching Edward Gaffney Professor of Law Valparaiso University School of Law Tisha Rajendra Instructor, Theology Department University of St. Thomas (Minnesota) Kevin Lee Associate Professor of Law Campbell University School of Law Bruce Frohnen Visiting Associate Professor of Law Ohio Northern University College of Law <i>Respondent:</i> Christine Kelleher Assistant Professor of Political Science Villanova University
		4:15 p.m.	Mass

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