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41ST ANNUAL
HOLY CROSS HISTORY CONFERENCE
KING'S COLLEGE, WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA
JUNE 2 - JUNE 5, 2022



Views of King's College

The 41st Holy Cross History Conference will be held in person at King's College in Wilkes-Barre Pennsylvania, and virtually, via ZOOM, on Thursday, June 2nd through Sunday, June 5th. Registration will be on Thursday afternoon from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at O'Hara Hall where those attending the conference will find their accommodations. The conference will end on Sunday morning, June 5th, following breakfast. Father Thomas Looney, CSC, president, will host the conference assisted by vice-president Brother Philip Smith, CSC. This year will mark the 75th anniversary of King's College, but the theme of the 2022 Conference is wide open to include any topic you may wish to write about.



REGISTRATION FEES

Complete: \$175. includes presentations with all meals, socials, banquet.

Commuter: no charge for presentations with no meals, nor banquet.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Our out-of-town participants will be housed at O'Hara Hall. King's will provide linens and towels, etc. There is a 24-hour Swipe Card Access. Access to free parking will be provided.

MASSES

On Friday, June 3rd, Mass will be offered in the Chapel of Christ the King.

On Saturday, June 4th, the Sunday Vigil Mass will be offered in the Chapel of Christ King.

MEALS AND BANQUET

On Thursday, June 2nd, a Dinner Buffet will be available on the third floor of the Campus Center.

All of our meals will be provided in the King's Court on the third floor of the Campus Center.

The annual banquet will be held on Saturday, June 4th.

TRANSPORTATION

The local airport is designated as AVP if someone needs to book a flight. The college can arrange a pick-up at the local airport. Car rentals are nearly impossible to make these days.



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BOOK REVIEW

Telling Stories That Matter: Memoirs & Essays; Marvin R. O'Connell,

*edited by William G. Schmitt, Foreword by
Wilson D. Miscamble, CSC. Afterword
by David Solomon (South Bend, IN: Saint
Augustine's Press, 2020). Pp. xx, 237. \$35.*

Like many Holy Cross institutions, the University of Notre Dame has been fortunate to have had various faculty members over the years publish memoirs and other pieces that give historians and others who might be interested an insight into the life and workings of the institution. Friends and colleagues have put together and published a collection of his writings that pay tribute to Father Marvin O'Connell (1930-2016), a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis who first came to Notre Dame in 1956-58 as a graduate student under the direction of the distinguished English Catholic church historian, Philip Hughes. He returned in 1972 to succeed Hughes as professor of church history at Notre Dame until he retired in 1994.

This book consists of three parts. One part is an account by Wilson Miscamble, CSC, a colleague in the History Department, of O'Connell's research and writing on post-Reformation Catholic history in Europe and America and the standing in the history profession that he achieved. The editor of the book, William G. Schmitt, surveys seven books and many reviews and articles that O'Connell published and that contributed to his reputation as a leading historian of the Catholic Church in the modern world. Professors David Solomon and Ralph McInerny, longtime personal friends offer tributes to O'Connell the man.

A second part consists of the memoir that O'Connell started writing in his later years. It covers his youth in rural Minnesota, his seminary training and the fourteen years that he taught at St. Thomas College in St. Paul (1958-72). Among other revelations, O'Connell notes that it was in these years that he passed from being a "Commonweal" Catholic to becoming a "National Review" Catholic. His moderate to conservative views of events in the Church were voiced in a syndicated column that he wrote for various Catholic Newspapers in 1966-72. Unfortunately, ill health and his death prevented O'Connell from extending his memoir into his Notre Dame years.

The editor undertakes to make up for the missing account in O'Connell's memoir of his career at Notre Dame by the third part of the book which consists of thirteen essays, book reviews and addresses that O'Connell gave over the years 1978 to 2001 that testify to the making of a Catholic university, the role of history and his own perception of his task as a church historian. Like other practitioners of the craft, O'Connell insisted that history must be based on the evidence. But he also insisted that the historian must know how to tell a good story if he is to engage his public. O'Connell notes that he did not indulge in hagiography in his various books but sought to reveal the motives and arguments of central figures in his



narratives, be they the ones that we remember them for or not. His magisterial and definitive biography of Edward Sorin, CSC, is a testimony to O’Connell’s adherence to his own principles.

One of the more noteworthy essays in the third part of the book, in this reviewer’s opinion, was O’Connell’s 1990 address at the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Convention, “An Historical Perspective on Evangelization in the United States: Shifting Concentration of Interest.” He singled out five ages of the Catholic Church’s history in the United States. The first age was characterized by the survival of the tiny Catholic communities in Maryland. The second age saw a modest expansion of the Catholic community due to immigration and the addition of territories in Louisiana, Florida, New Mexico and California in which there were many Catholics. The third age was one of assimilation when heavy immigration from Catholic lands in Europe and the development of Catholic institutions – parishes, schools, founding homes, hospitals – established the Church as a part of the American republic. The fourth age, consolidation, the fifty years between the First World War and the Second Vatican Council led to Catholics being accepted as partners in the national scheme of American life. O’Connell argues that assimilation led to an undermining of Catholic identity in institutions and among the Catholic populace and recommends a return to the age of survival, the ghetto, to check the decline that assimilation brought to the American Catholic community. This address represents O’Connell’s thinking in 1990. One can only wonder what he might have made of the last thirty years and the election of a second Catholic president.

This volume presents Marvin O’Connell as a late twentieth century thinker and commentator whose credentials as an historian rest on his treatment of such topics as the Counter- Reformation, the Modernists, Pascal and French spirituality, and John Ireland and the Americanists of the early twentieth century. He would be the first to counsel us not to look to the past with nostalgia, a return to the ‘good old days’, but to seek to build on lessons learned as we work our way through the present and future.

James Connelly, CSC
Fatima House
Notre Dame, Indiana



ABOUT OUR PRESENTERS

Brother George Klawitter, CSC

Brother George retired in 2012 from St. Edward's University where he was a professor in the English Literature Department. He has presented sixteen papers at the Holy Cross History Conference over the years and has published translations of early Holy Cross letters (*Adapted to the Lake* and *Holy Cross in Algeria*). He has recently published *Early Men of Holy Cross* and *The Brothers of St. Joseph* to help celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Brothers.

Brother Philip R. Smith, CSC, Ed.D.

Since 2018, Brother Philip Smith, CSC has been the archivist for the Midwest Province of the Congregation. He was appointed archivist after spending fifty years as a high school teacher and administrator in many schools within the province. He is also the postulator for the Cause of Brother Columba O'Neill, CSC (1848-1923).

Edwin Donnelly is originally from Cranford, New Jersey, and is a seminarian with the Congregation of Holy Cross. He entered formation in 2021 after graduating from Notre Dame that same year with a BA in Theology, Classical Languages (Greek and Latin), and Liturgical Music Ministry. Edwin has done extensive archival work, much of which includes aiding in the initial collating of letters written to Brother Columba O'Neill.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

12:00 pm to 4 pm – Registration: Church of Christ the King at the Maffei Commons

4:00 pm – Tour of the King's College Campus

5:30 pm –Dinner

7:00 pm – Welcome to King's College

"From the Memorial Presbyterian Church to the Chapel of Christ the King"

(Thomas Looney, CSC)

Night Prayer

8:15 pm – Gathering at the Holy Cross Community Residence



FRIDAY

8:00 am – Breakfast

9:15 am – Mackaman, “*Lost and Found in the College Archive: Remarks on King’s First 75 Years.*”

10:45 am – Looney, “*The “Flood(s)” of King’s: Leo and Agnes*”

12:05 pm – Mass

1:00 pm – Lunch

2:45 pm – Smith, “*Servant of God Brother Columba O’Neill, CSC and Pennsylvania*”

3:45 pm – Donnelly: “*Brother Columba, Humble Cobbler: The Virtue of Humility in the Giglinger Correspondence*”

5:30 pm – Dinner

7:00 pm – Connelly, “*The History of the Congregation of Holy Cross: The Genesis of the Book*”

8:15 pm – Meeting of the Board

SATURDAY

8:00 am – Breakfast

9:00 am – Klawitter: “*John Baptist de La Salle’s Conduite and the Early Brothers of St. Joseph*”

10:30 am – Smith, “*CSC Mega Families: An Exploration of the Legacies of Four CSC Mega-Families: the Mulcaire’s, the Bauer’s, the Hauser’s and the Hosinski’s*”

12:00 – Lunch

1:30 pm – Depart for the Anthracite Heritage Museum or Eckley Miner’s Village

5:00 pm – Vigil Mass

6:30 pm – Banquet

SUNDAY – *Departure after Breakfast*

8:00 am – Breakfast



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