

## The Economic Crisis and Catholic Social Thought

*Daniel Finn, Ph.D.*

The causes of the economic crisis of 2008 are much deeper than most commentaries note; their effects will easily outlast the current recession. This talk will review short-term and long-term causes of our current economic situation and what Catholic social thought has to say about getting our economic system on the right track.

Participants will gain a better understanding of both the crisis itself (learning, for example, how “derivatives” are like someone else taking out fire insurance on your house) and the moral analysis of economic life that the Catholic tradition can provide.



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Friday, Sept. 11 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Emmaus Hall Saint John's University
Saturday, Sept. 12 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Assisi Heights Spirituality Center Rochester
Friday, Sept. 25 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Emmaus Hall Saint John's University
Tuesday, Oct. 20 6-9 p.m.	Basilica of Saint Mary Minneapolis
Wednesday, Oct. 28 6:30-9 p.m.	Church of Saint Mary Alexandria

## How Do We Make Moral Decisions?

*Kathy Lilla Cox, Ph.D.*

As human beings, we are both affective and rational, yet few of us actually account for our emotions, affections, or dispositions in our moral decision making. Have you ever distrusted your emotions and trusted your reason instead?

Following an examination of methods for making decisions from the moral tradition, participants will use scripture, other theological texts, and music to explore the affective and emotional dimension of human existence. They will begin to consider how attention, feedback from others, and reflection can help them to map individual and communal affective landscapes. Finally, all present will discuss how the affective and rational dimensions work together, leading to a more intentional, holistic engagement with the world.



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Friday, Nov. 6 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Emmaus Hall Saint John's University
Friday, Nov. 20 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Emmaus Hall Saint John's University
Tuesday, Dec. 1 6-9 p.m.	Basilica of Saint Mary Minneapolis

## How Catholics Read the Bible

*Charles Bobertz, Ph.D.*

Join us for a brief tour of the history of biblical interpretation in the Catholic Church followed by an examination of the current resurgence of biblical literalism in both the Catholic Church and evangelical Protestant communities. We will focus on what is at stake theologically and socially for both Catholics and Protestants in how they read and interpret the Bible in the present day.



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*In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Deacon Bobertz serves St. Hubert's Catholic Community in Chanbassen, MN.*

Friday, Jan. 22 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Emmaus Hall Saint John's University
Wednesday, Feb. 3 6:30-9 p.m.	Church of Saint Mary Alexandria
Friday, Feb. 5 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Emmaus Hall Saint John's University
Thursday, Feb. 25 6-9 p.m.	Basilica of Saint Mary Minneapolis

## What Does Excellence Mean in Ministry?

*Victor Klimoski, Ph.D.*

Drawing on 10 years of experience working with parish ministers, Dr. Klimoski shares his observations on the characteristics of the excellent pastoral minister. He specifically explores what seems to make the difference between the “average” minister and the “excellent” minister. While the notion of pastoral excellence seems to be an individual responsibility, Klimoski describes the indispensable role parishioners play in cultivating and sustaining excellence among their clergy and lay ministers. Find out how excellence is not a business term, but a fundamental dimension of Gospel leadership.



*Victor Klimoski has been Director of Conversatio Lifelong Learning at Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary for the past 10 years; he recently moved into the position of Research Consultant for Conversatio. Through*

*this program, he has worked with numerous parishes, pastors, and lay ecclesial ministers on issues related to pastoral life. He also worked on a project with the Lilly Endowment, Inc., that studied 67 other projects around the country that focused on sustaining pastoral excellence. Prior to coming to Saint John's, Dr. Klimoski was academic dean at The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity for 17 years.*

Friday, April 9 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Emmaus Hall Saint John's University
Wednesday, April 28 6:30-9 p.m.	Church of Saint Mary Alexandria
Friday, May 7 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Basilica of Saint Mary Minneapolis
Friday, May 21 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Emmaus Hall Saint John's University

# Come enjoy a day of learning and renewal.

## What is Theology Day?

Theology Day is a chance for people in our communities who are seeking a deeper understanding of their faith and its place in their everyday lives and the theologians of Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary to interact with and learn from each other.

## Why Theology Day?

Our school's mission is rooted in the Roman Catholic and Benedictine traditions and the heritage of Saint John's Abbey. We are committed to preparing students for service to the Church in ordained and lay ministry, for further study, and for service in religious communities. Theology Day expresses our commitment to a life-long pursuit of wisdom.

## How can I register?

Register online at [www.csbsju.edu/sot](http://www.csbsju.edu/sot), e-mail [sot-sem@csbsju.edu](mailto:sot-sem@csbsju.edu), or call 320-363-3570. There is no fee for Theology Day, but gifts to support the mission of the School of Theology-Seminary are gratefully accepted.

### Morning Sessions

- 8:30-9 a.m. Registration and refreshments
- 9-noon Presentation and prayer
- Noon-1 p.m. Lunch and discussion

### Evening Sessions

- 6-6:30 p.m. Registration and light meal
- 6:30-9 p.m. Presentation, prayer, discussion

Alexandria sessions, from 6:30-9 p.m., include refreshments but no meal.



### Saint John's University-Emmaus Hall

Follow I-94 to Exit #156 and turn south onto County Road 159. Proceed to the stop sign and turn right. Emmaus Hall is the last building on your left before Lake Sagatagan. Parking is behind the building.

### Assisi Heights Spirituality Center

1001 14th Street N.W., Rochester, MN 55901  
Parking is on the east side of the building; enter through the main doors.

### Church of Saint Mary

420 Irving Street, Alexandria, MN 56308

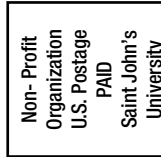


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### Basilica of Saint Mary

The Basilica is on the corner of Hennepin and 17th Street, Minneapolis. Parking is in front of the school and on the west side of the church in the parking lot under the freeway.

If you would like to host a Theology Day for your parish or organization, please call us at 320-363-2551 for more information.



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What does theology have to do with real life, anyway?

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