The Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism presents

Too Small a World

Catholic Sisters as Global Missionaries

An International Symposium

April 6-8, 2017

University of Notre Dame
Thursday, April 6

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Exhibition of Artifacts from Mother Cabrini’s Archive | Rare Books & Special Collections, Hesburgh Library
Anne Schwelm, Cabrini University, exhibit co-curator, will be present. The exhibition will be open for view throughout the conference.

10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Registration | McKenna Atrium

12:00 p.m.–12:45 p.m.
Lunch | McKenna Dining Room (Basement)

12:45 p.m.–1:15 p.m.
Opening Comments | McKenna Auditorium
Barbara Staley, M.S.C., Superior General of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m. | Session 1
Locating Missionaries | 100–104 McKenna
Chair: Catherine R. Osborne, University of Notre Dame
Maggie McGuinness, La Salle University
“How Far Do You Have to Go to Be a Missionary? The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in Philadelphia”
Danae Jacobson, University of Notre Dame
“From Montreal to Montana: Mapping and Pilgrimage as Ways of Understanding the Journey of Canadian Sisters”
Mary Beth Fraser Connolly, Purdue University Northwest
“The Effect of Missioning on the Missionary: The Sisters of Mercy in Chicago and Peru”

Authority and Identity | 112–114 McKenna
Chair: Elizabeth Smyth, University of Toronto
Catherine Foisy, Université du Québec à Montréal
“Crossing Borders, Breaking Walls: On the Activity of Two Female Missionary Catholic Institutes in Algeria since 1945”
Ria Christens, Cultureel erfgoed annuntiaten Heverlee (Heritage Centre of the Sisters of the Annunciation), Heverlee–Louvain, Belgium
“Terra Incognita: Belgian Sisters in Africa”

3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. | Session 2
An Education of the Heart: Lay Involvement in Cabrini Educational Missions | 100–104 McKenna
Chair: Maria Williams, University College London, Institute of Education
Yvonne Hrapmann, Cabrini High School
“From Student to Principal: Stories of Cabrini Mission in High School Curriculum and Hiring”
Jeffrey Gingerich, Cabrini University
“Education of the Heart: Lay Leadership and Mission Integration in Cabrini Higher Ed”
Raymond Ward, Cabrini University
“Theological Resources for Lay Participation in Cabrini Institutional Identity”

Imperial Habits: Irish Foundresses in Canada, New Zealand, and Australia | 112–114 McKenna
Chair: Carmen Mangion, Birkbeck, University of London
Elizabeth Smyth, University of Toronto
Jenny Collins, Independent Scholar
“Mother Gabriel Gill, O.P., and the Dominican Sisters in New Zealand”
Deirdre Raftery, University College Dublin
“The Transnational Mobility of Nineteenth-Century Irish Women Religious”

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5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
Buffet Dinner | McKenna Dining Room (Basement)

7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
Keynote Address | McKenna Auditorium
Mary Johnson, S.N.D. de N., Trinity Washington University
“The Past is Truly Prologue: International Sisters in the U.S. Today”
Friday, April 7

7:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.
Continental Breakfast Buffet | McKenna Atrium

8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m. | Session 3
Founding Education | 100–104 McKenna
*Chair: Arlene Montevecchio, Saint Mary’s College*

Maria Williams, University College London, Institute of Education
“Too Small a World: The Transnational Mobilization of Mother Cabrini’s Catholic Educational Practice 1889–1917”

Brian S Collier, University of Notre Dame
“Katharine Drexel and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament Among Native Americans: A Culture of Progressive Reform”

Thomas M. Southard, Cabrini University
“She Was No Saint: Leadership Styles of 19th Century Foundresses”

Training Global Missionaries, Then and Now | 112–114 McKenna
*Chair: Betty Ann McNeil, D.C., DePaul University*

Matthieu Brejon de Lavergnée, Sorbonne University
“Missionary Sisters of Saint Paul de Chartres in Cuba, Panama, and Philippines (late 19th-early 20th centuries)”

Thu T. Do, L.H.C., Saint Louis University
“Preparing Global Missionaries: Educational Opportunities for Religious Sisters from Developing Countries Today”

10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.
Break | McKenna Atrium

10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Session 4
Missionary Identity | 100–104 McKenna
*Chair: Jillian Plummer, University of Notre Dame*

Mary Ewens, O.P., Sinisawa Dominican Research Center
“The Many Levels of Missionary Ethnocentrism: Sister–Practitioners and Sister–Victims”

Theresa Keeley, University of Louisville
“Not Above the Fray: Religious and Political Divides’ Impact on U.S. Missionary Sisters in Nicaragua”

Christine Baudin Hernandez, St. Agnes Academy

Unconventional Missionaries | 112–114 McKenna
*Chair: Mary Beth Fraser Connolly, Purdue University Northwest*

Makrina Finlay, O.S.B., Abtei St. Scholastika zur Burg Dinklage
“The Tutzing Missionary Benedictines: Striking a Balance Between Stabilitas and Mission”

Laura J. Taylor, University of Notre Dame
“The Current, Complicated State of Missionary Sisters from Ireland since Vatican II”

Ryan P. Murphy, Temple University
“Few, Yet Ready for Any Good Work: Sisters of St. Joseph of Philadelphia as Missionaries”

12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m.
Lunch & Speaker | McKenna Dining Room (Basement)
Rosemarie Nassif, S.S.N.D., Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
“Advancing the Emerging Global Sisterhood”
1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m. | Session 5
Race and the Mission to the United States | 100–104 McKenna
Chair: Maggie McGuinness, La Salle University
Issac O. Akande, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
“The Ladies of the Sacred Heart Among the Potawatomi of Kansas, 1840–1870”
Amy Rosenkrans, Notre Dame of Maryland University
Julie Chamberlain, George Washington University
“The Patron of the Status Quo?: The Legacy of Mother Teresa and the Missionaries of Charity in the United States”

Representing Mission | 112–114 McKenna
Chair: Michael Skaggs, University of Notre Dame
Carmen Mangion, Birkbeck, University of London
“British Representations of Female Missionaries, 1950–1970”
Edel Robinson, Independent Scholar

3:20 p.m.–6:20 p.m.
Prayer Service & Reception
Church of Our Lady of Loretto, Saint Mary’s College
Bus to Saint Mary’s College
Pick-Up Location: McKenna Hall
3:20 p.m. Bus Departure #1
3:40 p.m. Bus Departure #2

Bus from Saint Mary’s College
Pick-Up Location: Church of Our Lady of Loretto
6:00 p.m. Bus Departure #1
6:20 p.m. Bus Departure #2

7:00 p.m.
Conference Banquet | Morris Inn Ballroom
Gabriella Bottani, C.M.S., Talitha Kum, Union Internationale des Supérieures Générales

Saturday, April 8
7:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast Buffet | Morris Inn Private Dining Rooms

8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Optional Bus Trip to the National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier
8:00 a.m. EST Bus Departure from Notre Dame
(Pick-Up Location: McKenna Hall)
9:45 a.m. CST Shrine Tour with Ellen Skerrett
(Historian, Author, and Researcher)
10:30 a.m. CST Mass
11:15 a.m. CST Personal Time
12:00 p.m. CST Buffet Lunch at Shrine
1:00–4:30 p.m. CST Bus from Shrine to Notre Dame

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Sisters, advocates gather at US-Mexico border to call attention to immigration policies
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Appalachian coal country, where sisters see little change in 40 years
GlobalSistersReport.org/node/45256

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary serve Vietnamese leprosy patients
GlobalSistersReport.org/node/44851

Sharing voices of African sisters
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