

## SPEAKERS

### **Prof. Sabina Alkire**

Director, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative,  
Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford

### **Robert A. Annibale**

Global Director, fCiti Community Development and Citi Inclusive Finance

### **The Most Reverend Archbishop Bernardito Auza**

Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations and Organization of American States

### **Josef Bonnici**

Governor of the Bank of Malta

### **Armando Borja**

National Director, Jesuit Refugee Service /USA

### **Liliana Carvajal**

Monitoring Specialist, Research & Policy, UNICEF HQ

### **Prof. Paolo Carozza**

Professor of Law, University of Notre Dame; Director, Kellogg Institute for International Studies  
and Member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences

### **Prof. Melissa Labonte**

Associate Professor of Political Science, Fordham University

### **Eduardo Jose Marques Maia de Almeida**

Inter-American Development Bank

### **Fr. Elias D. Mallon, S.A., Ph. D.**

Catholic Near East Welfare Association

### **His Eminence Theodore Cardinal McCarrick**

Archbishop Emeritus of Washington and Chair of Catholic Relief Services Foundation Board

### **Nicolas Michel**

Former Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, UN  
and Member of the UN negotiation team on Syria

### **His Eminence Pietro Cardinal Parolin (to be confirmed)**

Secretary of State, Holy See

### **Prof. Henry Schwalbenberg**

Director, International Political Economy and Development Program, Fordham University

## GENERAL INFORMATION

If you have questions contact: [iped@fordham.edu](mailto:iped@fordham.edu) / On-line registration at [www.CAPP-USA.org](http://www.CAPP-USA.org)

## VENUES

**Holy Mass: Chapel of Blessed Rupert Mayer, S.J.** Lowenstein Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Fordham  
University 113 West 60<sup>th</sup> Street (corner 60<sup>th</sup> St. and Columbus Ave) New York, NY 10023

**Conference: Fordham University** E. Gerald Corrigan Conference Center, Lowenstein Building  
12<sup>th</sup> floor 113 West 60<sup>th</sup> Street, (corner 60<sup>th</sup> St. and Columbus Ave) New York, NY 10023

**Opening Conference Dinner : Plaza Atrium, Lowenstein Building Plaza Level, Fordham  
University** 113 West 60<sup>th</sup> Street (corner 60<sup>th</sup> St. and Columbus Ave) New York, NY 10023

# CAPP-USA and Fordham University

“Dignified agents of their own destiny”

## Pope Francis' Call for Escaping Poverty: Practical Examples and New Proposals

September 23, 2016

New York City



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The CAPP/Fordham Conference will examine the definition and measurement of poverty and propose specific, practical efforts which operationalize Pope Francis' insistence that people "be dignified agents of their own destiny", as articulated by the Holy Father at the United Nations in 2015:

*"Economic and social exclusion is a complete denial of human fraternity and a grave offense against human rights...To enable these real men and women to escape from extreme poverty, we must allow them to be dignified agents of their own destiny...Integral human development and the full exercise of human dignity cannot be imposed. They must be built up and allowed to unfold...The number and complexity of the problems require that we possess technical instruments of verification...the simplest and best measure(s)." (Emphasis added)*

Seeking to make a unique and important contribution to the global dialogue on this topic, the conference will bring together international specialists, authorities and professionals to examine it from several perspectives - to highlight issues and implications raised by Pope Francis' charge and to suggest ways it might be realized. This conference should provide "value added" - that is: the conference should make a practical and substantial contribution to the international dialogue on the topic.

#### Broad Outline

Covering one day, a senior Church official will frame the issue - elaborating the Holy Father's position. Then, responding to Pope Francis' call "that we possess technical instruments of verification...the simplest and best measure", we will define poverty and propose how to measure it - using the schema identified by the Holy Father. After this, we will investigate and propose specific, practical efforts which operationalize Pope Francis' insistence that people "be dignified agents of their own destiny".

### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### Opening Conference Dinner

18.30 *Cocktail*

19.00 *Dinner*

*Speaker*  
(to be confirmed)

**His Eminence Pietro Cardinal Parolin**  
Secretary of State, Holy See

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>

07.30 Holy Mass Memorial Saint Pius of Pietrelcina  
**His Eminence Theodore Cardinal McCarrick**

08.30 Welcome and Introduction  
**Joseph M. McShane, SJ** President Fordham University  
**Domingo Sugranyes Bickel**, President FCAPP

08.40 Pope Francis' Views on International Poverty and Development  
**The Most Reverend Archbishop Bernardito Auza**

09.40 What is poverty? **Prof. Sabina Alkire**

10.40 *Break*

11.00 Measuring Poverty  
Fordham University's Pope Francis Global Poverty Index:  
**Prof. Henry Schwalbenberg** + Panel:  
- Religious Freedom: **Fr. Elias D. Mallon, S.A., Ph. D.**  
- Child Mortality: **Ms. Liliana Carvajal**

12.00 *Lunch*  
*"Integral human development and the full exercise of human dignity cannot be imposed. They must be built up and allowed to unfold"*

13.20 Elaboration of these comments of Pope Francis'  
**His Eminence Theodore Cardinal McCarrick**

13.30 Inclusive Finance and Entrepreneurial Responses  
**Panel Chair: Domingo Sugranyes Bickel**  
- Voluntary Solidarity Funds: **Josef Bonnici**  
- Corporate Initiatives: **Robert A. Annibale**  
- Development Finance: **Eduardo J. M. Maia de Almeida**

15.10 *Break*

15.30 Relationship of Violence and Poverty  
**Panel Chair: Prof. Paolo Carozza**  
*"On the Ground" Negotiating*: **Nicolas Michel**  
- Humanitarian & Political Dimensions: **Melissa Labonte**  
- Refugee Responses: **Armando Borja**

17.00 Panel:  
Speakers will respond to Moderator and Audience questions  
**Moderator: Prof. Melissa T. Labonte**

17.50 Rapporteur **Brian Strassburger, SJ**

18.00 Conclusion

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