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Best-selling author and EWTN program host

A popular speaker, author, and television program host, Mike Aquilina has published more than twenty books on Catholic history, doctrine, and devotion, including *The Fathers of the Church*, *The Mass of the Early Christians*, *Signs and Mysteries: Revealing Ancient Christian Symbols*, and *The Resilient Church*. With Scott Hahn, he is co-host of seven Catholic television series airing on the Eternal Word Television Network. A former editor of *New Covenant* magazine and the *Pittsburgh Catholic* newspaper, Mike is currently executive vice-president of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology and a prominent contributor to the Catholic blogosphere at www.FathersOfTheChurch.com.

SESSION I - The Church Fathers for Church Teachers

SCHOLARSHIP DINNER (optional) - The Family on Mission: Lessons from the Early Church

SESSION II - What's New? What's Old: On the Appeal of the Ancients

Immaculate Conception!? Where's *that* in the Bible? (Reading Sacred Scripture with the Fathers)

When the dogma of the Immaculate Conception was declared in 1854, a cry went up from the various Protestant communities. Even some Catholics raised the question, "Where is *that* in the Bible?" Using the writings of the Church Fathers, Dr. Richard Bulzacchelli will walk us through the development of this rich doctrine on Our Lady and help us to read the Scriptures with the "hermeneutic of faith" as the Fathers did.

Richard Bulzacchelli is an instructor at Aquinas College and holds academic degrees from Marquette University, Providence College, and the Dominican House of Studies. He earned his doctorate (pending publication) from the International Marian Research Institute.

Beyond the Doctrines & Dogmas: The Early Church Councils and Man's Deification

The early Church Fathers understood that behind the doctrine of the Incarnation stands the profound mystery of our salvation for "whatever is not assumed is not healed." In his presentation, Father Richard Armstrong will demonstrate how the work of the Church Fathers, who articulated the mystery of the Incarnation, illuminates the mystery of man's deification by grace.

Reverend Richard Armstrong is a priest of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and the Assistant Director of Christian Formation for the Diocese of Knoxville. He holds a master's degree in Theology with a concentration in Catechetics from Christendom College in Alexandria, Virginia, where he also received an Apostolic Catechetical Diploma.

St. Justin Martyr and the Mass

The earliest surviving account of the celebration of the Eucharist is that of Saint Justin Martyr (c.165). While the form of the Mass has gone through various changes, the essence of the liturgy remains the same. In his presentation, Father Beckman will help us deepen our understanding of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass by taking us back to the time of Saint Justin, who celebrated the same sacred mysteries in the first century.

Reverend Mark Beckman has been a priest in the Diocese of Nashville for over 20 years. He holds degrees from St. Ambrose College and the Catholic University of Louvain. Father currently serves as the pastor of St. Matthew Church and director of the Catholic Youth Office.

The Fathers and Our Mother

In a more meditative approach to the Fathers, Sister Mary Sharon will cover the role of select Fathers of the Church in the development of Marian doctrine and devotion. Sister's presentation will explain the Akathistos Hymn, history's oldest known Marian prayer and the most ancient Marian hymn, and provide us with an opportunity to pray to Our Lady as the Fathers did.

Sister Mary Sharon, O.P. has been a member of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation since 1991. She holds degrees from Kent State University, Northwestern State University in Louisiana, and Providence College in Rhode Island.

For more information, please contact the Office of Catechetics at
(615) 297-7545, ext. 469 or catechetics@aquinascollege.edu.



SCHEDULE REGISTRATION

Session I Friday, February 5

- 1:00 PM Registration
- 1:45 PM Welcome
- 2:00 - 5:00 PM Presentations
- 5:00 PM Vespers & Rosary
- 5:30 PM Closing

Scholarship Dinner (optional) Friday, February 5

- 6:30 PM - Guest speaker: Mike Aquilina
(Proceeds from the dinner provide need-based scholarships for catechists.)

Session II Saturday, February 6

- 8:00 AM Registration
- 8:45 AM Lauds
- 9:00 AM - 12:45 PM Presentations
- 12:45 PM Lunch
- 2:00 - 5:00 PM Presentations
- 5:00 PM Rosary
- 5:30 PM Mass

Please complete this form and return with payment by Friday, Jan. 29 to Aquinas College, Office of Catechetics, 4210 Harding Road, Nashville, TN 37205.

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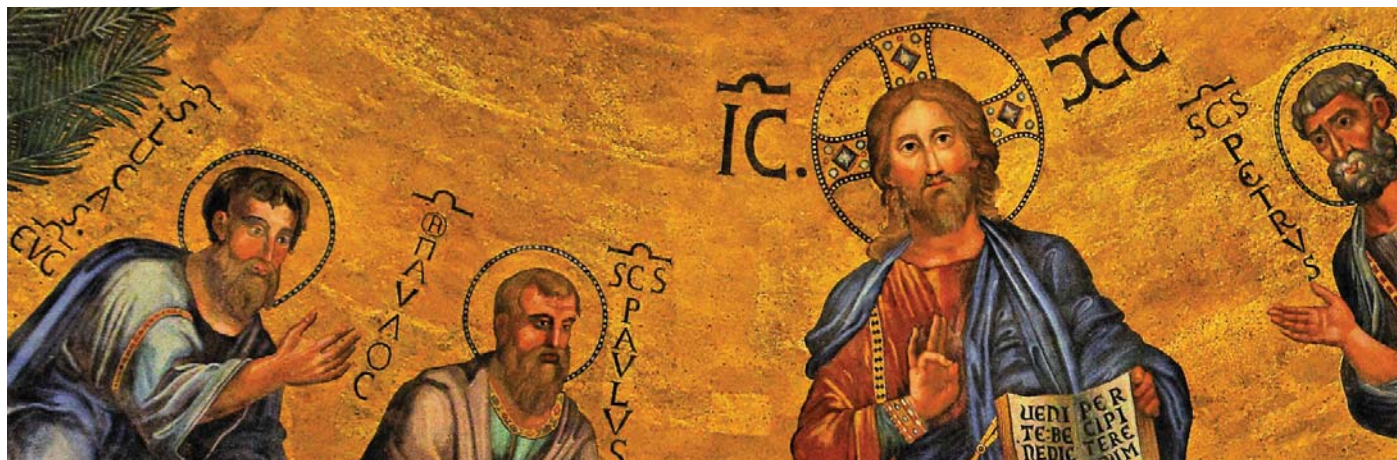
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Forum Scholarship Dinner with Mike Aquilina

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Accommodations

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