



## ***Catholic Archives and Slavery: Research, Collaboration, and Hope***

Georgetown University, Washington D.C.

November 13-14, 2025

### **DAY 1**

8:30am-11:00am **Registration**

9:00am-11:00am **Tours**

#### ***Archives of Slavery, Memory, and Reconciliation***

Visit Georgetown University's Booth Family Center for Special Collections on the 5th floor of Lauinger Library to view original materials documenting the history of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus and Georgetown University's historical ties to slavery, as well as the lives of enslaved people who lived on the Jesuit plantations in Maryland, labored on Georgetown's campus, and worshipped at Holy Trinity Church.

*Capacity:* 15 per time slot

*Times:* 9:00am, 9:30am, 10:00am

*Location:* Booth Family Center for Special Collections, Lauinger Library (5th Floor), 3700 O St NW, Washington, DC 20057

#### ***Walking Tour of Slavery, Memory, and Reconciliation at Georgetown***

Join Professor Adam Rothman, Director of Georgetown's Center for the Study of Slavery and Its Legacies, for a 75-minute walking tour of sites on Georgetown University's campus connected to the school's historical ties to slavery, the landscape of historical memory, and the process of reckoning and reconciliation. Meet at the statue of John Carroll. Locations will include Isaac Hawkins Hall, Anne Marie Becraft Hall, Georgetown's Civil War Centennial Plaque, and Healy Hall.

*Capacity:* 50

*Time:* 9:15am-10:30am

*Location:* John Carroll Statue, Healy Circle, Washington, DC 20057

#### ***Tour of Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School***

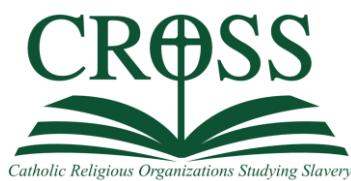
Enslaved people lived and labored at Georgetown Visitation from its founding, in 1799, through the end of slavery in Washington, DC, in 1862. Visitation invites conference participants to visit sacred places on campus, such as the site of living quarters identified in 2024, and learn about enslaved people who lived and labored there. As part of the program, a special pop-up exhibit will feature archival materials offering deeper insight into the stories of enslaved people at Visitation. Please note Visitation is about a 10-minute walk from the Healy Center, and parts of this tour may not be ADA-accessible. Contact [elizabeth.silver@visi.org](mailto:elizabeth.silver@visi.org) with any questions.

*Capacity:* No limit

*Time:* 9:15am-10:45am

*Location:* 1524 35th St NW, Washington, DC 20007

Registration and all sessions will be held in the Healey Family Student Center - Social Room - unless noted otherwise.



## DAY 1

11:15am-11:30am

### **Welcoming Remarks and Opening Prayer**

*Speakers:*

Joseph A. Ferrara, Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff,  
Georgetown University

Emilie Gagnet Leumas, Consultant, EGL Consultants, LLC

Joyce Jones, Director of the Office of Racial Harmony and Black  
Catholic Ministries, Archdiocese of St. Louis

*Description:*

Joseph A. Ferrara will open the conference by welcoming attendees to the Georgetown campus for this year's conference. Following the welcome, Emilie Leumas will briefly introduce CROSS to those who are first-time attendees and share a few key updates on CROSS's progress since its inaugural conference in 2023. Joyce Jones will then lead the opening prayer.

11:30am-12:45pm

### **Session 1: Pilot Projects**

*Speakers:*

Emilie Gagnet Leumas, Consultant, EGL Consultants, LLC

Eric Fair, Director of Archives, Archdiocese of St. Louis

Tricia Pyne, Director, Associated Archives at St. Mary's Seminary &  
University

*Moderator:*

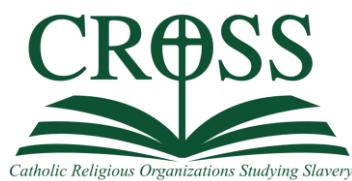
Ann Boltin, Chancellor and Archivist, Diocese of Baton Rouge

*Description:*

This session will highlight the work that CROSS and its partner organizations have undertaken since the inaugural conference in St. Louis in 2023, including the development of several pilot programs designed to test the "CROSS Best Practices" guide. In Louisiana, diocesan collaborations have explored the breadth of archival collections documenting the enslaved and slavery within the Church, employing specific research methodologies and survey techniques to identify these records both within diocesan archives and external repositories. Tricia Pyne's presentation, Recovering the History of Black Catholics from the Records of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, will provide an overview of the project it has initiated, highlighting opportunities for collaboration with Catholic institutions, religious communities, and regional dioceses.

12:45pm-1:45pm **Lunch**

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1:45pm-3:00pm

## Session 2: Community Archives

*Speakers:*

Peter Fitzmaurice, Historical Researcher, Sacred Heart Church  
Caroline Richard, Museum Director and Archivist, Academy of the Sacred Heart  
Adrian Vaagenes, Woodstock Librarian, Booth Family Center for Special Collections, Georgetown University Libraries

*Moderator:*

Patrick Hayes, Archivist, Redemptorist Archives

*Description:*

This session will center on three types of Catholic archives--university, parish, and high school--which can serve as models for similar "communities." Panelists hope to explain the nature of their archival work (from traditional paper collections to digital repositories), the kinds of research that this work can yield, and the public-facing outcomes of historical work already done, especially with descendants of the enslaved.

3:00pm-3:30pm

## Closing Remarks

Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry, Chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee for the Promotion of Racial Justice and Reconciliation, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Chicago

4:00pm-5:00pm

Dahlgren Chapel  
of the Sacred  
Heart

## Mass

*Celebrants:*

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Archbishop of Louisville  
Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry, Chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee for the Promotion of Racial Justice and Reconciliation; Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Chicago

5:30pm-7:00pm

Healy Hall  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Gaston Hall Room

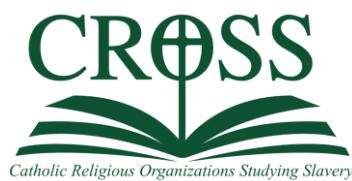
## Keynote Address: *Meeting the Moment: Reckoning with Catholic Slaveholding* by Rachel Swarns

7:00pm-8:00pm

Healy Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

## Reception

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## DAY 2

8:00am-9:00am **Registration**

9:00am-9:15am **Opening Remarks**

*Speaker:*

Cardinal Robert McElroy, Archbishop of Washington

9:15am-10:30am **Session 3: Understanding Catholic History and Catholic Cemeteries through Archaeology**

*Speakers:*

Dr. Laura Masur, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Catholic University of America

Garrett Ternent, Graduate Student, American University

Dr. Lynn Locklear Nehemiah, DDS, Loyola University Maryland Slavery and Reconciliation Task Force and Implementation Team, Member of the East Coast Jesuit Antiracism Sodality

GU272 Mahoney Descendant, Untold Truths - Exposing Slavery and its Legacies at Loyola University Maryland, Co-Chair of the Sacred Heart Cemetery

Kevin Porter, President of the White Marsh Historical Society

*Moderator:*

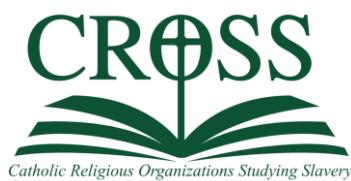
Stephanie A.T. Jacobe, Director of Archives, Archdiocese of Washington

*Description:*

Archaeology can provide information about the past that is otherwise absent from the historical record. It can help us understand what has been left behind by those who lived and died in the specific place. This session will look at the archaeology of several Catholic sites in Maryland, including the cemetery at White Marsh Plantation and the early Jesuit Mission on Port Tobacco Bay. Descendants whose ancestors were among the native Piscataway and those enslaved on Jesuit Plantations will speak about the importance of this work.

10:30am-10:45am **Break**

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10:45am-12:00pm

## **Session 4: Resources and Research**

### *Speakers:*

Mary Beth Corrigan, Librarian, Collections on Slavery, Memory, and Reconciliation, Booth Family Center for Special Collections, Georgetown University Libraries

Morgen MacIntosh Hodgetts, Archivist, Congregation of the Mission Western Province, DePaul University

Claire Marshall, Digital Archivist, DePaul University

Annie Stevens, Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies, Webster University

### *Moderator:*

Reverend David Endres, Academic Dean and Professor, The Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West

### *Description:*

This session explores research completed to enhance the understanding of and access to primary sources documenting the history of enslavement by Catholic religious organizations. Presenters will highlight tools and initiatives designed to support scholars, descendants, and the public in uncovering and engaging with these critical historical materials.

12:00pm-1:00pm **Lunch**

## **1:15pm-2:30pm Session 5: Education**

### *Speakers:*

Ed Donnellan, Social Studies, Gonzaga College High School

Elizabeth Silver, J.D., History of Enslaved People Program Coordinator, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School

Abigail Jefferson, Carlos Wayne Scott, and Toni Ann Semple, Engaging History Through the Arts

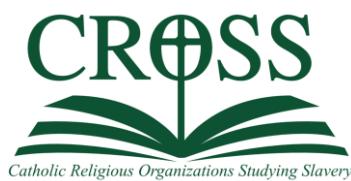
### *Moderator:*

Adam Rothman, Director, Center for the Study of Slavery and Its Legacies, Georgetown University

### *Description:*

How do we bring archival material into the classroom to facilitate historical understanding in responsible and empathetic ways? This panel will feature courageous and innovative pedagogical projects at the secondary-school level, and foster discussion of teaching "hard history" at a challenging time.

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2:30pm-3:00pm

### ***Concluding Remarks and Prayer***

*Speaker:*

Shareena Grant, Associate Director, Subcommittee for the Promotion of Racial Justice and Reconciliation Secretariat of Justice and Peace, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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