

The Catholic Intellectual Tradition:

Integrating Our Catholic and Norbertine Traditions in the Work We Do

In the fall of 2007, we explored the Catholic intellectual tradition in general terms. From this foundation, we continue to examine specific topics through the lens of the Catholic intellectual tradition. These conversations are meant to help educate faculty and staff about the tradition, demonstrate how a specific topic relates to the tradition, and model how to raise these topics for discussion in the classroom.

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We all know that St. Norbert College is a liberal arts institution rooted in the Catholic and Norbertine traditions. And we likewise know that we are the only Norbertine college in the world. But what difference does this make in the work we do? Does the Norbertine focus on *communio* change our understanding of who we are, what we do, and how we do it? Does Norbert's call to reconciliation and peacemaking—and the Norbertines' esteem for hospitality and charity—shape our awareness of how we are called to attend to one another? Similarly, does the Catholic intellectual tradition's emphasis on the unity of the true, the good, and the beautiful both challenge and enrich our appreciation of rationality, and free us to teach in more open and innovative ways? Too, if the Catholic intellectual tradition calls us to move from knowledge to wisdom to goodness, what does this mean for those of us who teach? This panel presentation will wrestle with these questions by first exploring aspects of the Norbertine tradition and what they mean for the work we do, and then by reflecting on fundamental dimensions of the Catholic intellectual tradition and what they might entail for us in the different roles we have at the College. We'll conclude with some practical examples of how both traditions impact our work in the classroom. For instance, how is the Catholic intellectual tradition integrated into a Women's and Gender Studies course such as Feminist Theology, considering that feminism is perceived by some to be at odds with Catholicism (in fact, Pope Benedict has warned of its "lethal effects")?

**The Division of Mission & Heritage and the Office of Faculty Development
cordially invite faculty and staff to join us for one of two discussions**

(the same presentation will be offered twice)

to take place in the Union Lounge (2nd Floor):

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

11:15 a.m. ~ 12:45 p.m.

lunch provided

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Wednesday, September 29, 2010

3:00 p.m. ~ 4:30 p.m.

refreshments provided

RSVP to Julie Friedman,
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