The Future of Church Property
The Fitzgerald Institute for Real Estate’s Church Properties Initiative’s Fall Conference
November 7-9, 2022
Welcome!

From the Church Properties Initiative Team

The staff of the Church Properties Initiative (CPI) is thrilled to welcome you to our first-ever on-campus conference, “The Future of Church Property.” The conference unfolds over three days, structured around three aspects of the Church’s relationship to her property:

PROPERTY, MISSION, AND IDENTITY

Monday, November 7, opens with a wealth of short lightning talks and papers testifying to the breadth of the challenges and opportunities facing the future of Church properties. The afternoon’s two plenary panels set the conversation growing around Notre Dame’s Church Properties Initiative within the broader context of ongoing conversations in academia and the world of faith-based community development.

A CATHOLIC WAY TO BUILD

Tuesday, November 8, presents a full day of programming centering on the distinctiveness of church real estate. Is there a distinctly Christian, or even Catholic, way to build? We’ll hear from professionals in architecture, planning, real estate brokerage, education, and finance, as well as from Bishop Kevin Rhoades (Fort Wayne – South Bend). The day concludes with a panel of Archdiocesan COO’s with a depth of experience in stewarding the temporal goods of the Church.

A WAY TO BUILD CATHOLICS

On the morning of Wednesday, November 9, we’ll hear testimonies of the missional uses to which Church property is being put. How can real estate be used to build the Church? The conference concludes with a Town Hall session to which every attendee has the opportunity to contribute.

It’s our hope and prayer that the great privilege we have of welcoming such a dynamic and diverse group to campus around these important issues will overflow into lasting collaboration to build the Kingdom of God. Thanks for being with us!

David Murphy, CPI Program Director
Maddy Johnson, CPI Program Manager

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## The Role of Academia in the Church Property Discussion

Dr. Nadia Mian (Rutgers), Matt Manion (Villanova), Jamie Kralovec (Georgetown); Moderated by Prof. Dan Kelly (FIRE)

**McKenna 215/216**

### Lightning Talks (15 min)

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<td>“Religious Properties and the Social Economy: A Perspective from Québec” Samuel Descôteaux Fréchette</td>
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<td>“The Benedict Option: A Small College Goes Big with Real Estate” Philip Brach</td>
<td>“Real Estate and the New Evangelization” Austin Wright</td>
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### Papers (30 min)

- **Property, Mission, and Identity: Faith-Based Community Development**
  - Chris Elisara (Duke University Ormond Center), Rev. Shelly Stackhouse (Partners for Sacred Places), Rev. James Clark III (Trinity Wall Street), Tim Soerens (Parish Collective); Moderated by David Murphy (Church Properties Initiative)
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
A CATHOLIC WAY TO BUILD

9 am  
Church Property in Context: The Parish and the City  
Samuel Descôteaux Fréchette (Arpent), Jamie Kralovec (Georgetown), Tim Soerens (Parish Collective); Moderated by Maddy Johnson (CPI)

9:30 am  
The Future of Church Property Design  
Dean Stefanos Polyzoides (Notre Dame School of Architecture), Anthony Grumbine (Harrison Design), Rafael Morales (Jackson & Ryan); Moderated by Marianne Cusato (Notre Dame School of Architecture)

10:15 am  
The Future of a Sustainable Church  
Molly Burhans (GoodLands)

10:45 am  
A Room at the Inn: Understanding the Impact of Maternity Housing  
Dr. William Evans (University of Notre Dame Department of Economics & The Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities)

1:15 pm  
Property and Catholic Higher Education  
Rev. Dr. Dennis Holtschneider (Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities)

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Home + School: How Teacher Housing Can Change Catholic Schools  
John Schoenig (Alliance for Catholic Education, Notre Dame)
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<td>Dan Celluci, Bruno Bonnacchi, and Tom Lenz (Catholic Leadership Institute)</td>
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<td>Betsy Bohlen (Chicago), Brian Mooney (Detroit), Keith Parsons (Denver); Moderated by David Murphy (CPI)</td>
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9
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Fr. Godwin Adike is a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Enugu in Nigeria. He is presently a doctoral research student of Canonical Penal Law at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome, where he completed his Licentiate in Canon Law in 2021. Fr. Godwin is a product of the just-concluded 5th session of the Program of Church Management at the University of Holy Cross in Rome.

Kevin Angell is the president of Quo Vadis, a nonprofit that transforms underutilized Catholic real estate into vibrant Catholic communities. He is a fulltime Political Economy PhD student at the University of Chicago. Prior to beginning his doctoral studies, Mr. Angell worked as a healthcare data scientist. He graduated summa cum laude with degrees in Political Science and Economics from the University of Notre Dame in 2020.

Phil Bess is a Professor of Architecture at the University of Notre Dame, where he specializes in urban design and theory, with a particular interest in classical humanist urbanism in the context of modernity. Professor Bess holds an undergraduate degree in philosophy from Whittier College, a graduate degree in church history from Harvard, and a graduate degree in architecture from the University of Virginia.

Brian Black is the Co-founder and first President of Harmel Academy and leads all development and operations. After pursuing home building and working as an electrician, he was a Product Marketing Manager for American Seating and did contract work for Haworth and Herman Miller. Returning to the trades, Mr. Black joined Grand River Builders as a carpenter and sheet metal worker, then added the masonry trade to the company. He was made General Manager and has led the company through 20 years of continuous growth. Mr. Black received his BA in Political Economy and History from Hillsdale College.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Bohlen is the Chief Operating Officer of the Archdiocese of Chicago, where she oversees all administrative operations and brings strategic planning, organization, and implementation expertise to strategic pastoral initiatives. Prior to her work with the Archdiocese, Ms. Bohlen was a partner at McKinsey & Company. She has also served as an investment officer for the Slovak American Enterprise Fund in Bratislava, Slovakia, and as a financial analyst at the First Boston Corporation (now Credit Suisse). Ms. Bohlen earned an MBA from Harvard Business School and a BA in economics from Notre Dame.

Bruno Bonacchi is a Leadership Consultant at the Catholic Leadership Institute. He was formerly the Chief Financial Officer of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. Previously, Mr. Bonacchi spent 30 years in the financial services industry, primarily at Mellon Financial Corporation, where he served as Senior Vice President of Corporate Strategy and Development. He has also served as an Adjunct Professor at Franciscan University, teaching courses in Corporate Finance, Investment Management, and Operations Management.

Blake Brouillette is a Managing Director for Christ in the City, overseeing the daily lives and schedules of the volunteers in the college volunteer program. After graduating from the University of Nebraska, he served the homeless and poor in Denver, Colorado, for two years alongside twenty other volunteers. Mr. Brouillette works to equip and train people all over the country and world to serve the poor and lonely wherever they may be.

Molly Burhans is the Founder and Executive Director of GoodLands, a nonprofit organization that maps the land holdings of the Roman Catholic Church globally. She was the Chief Cartographer for the first unified digital global map of the Catholic Church in history, which premiered in the Vatican in 2016. In 2021 the Sierra Club honored Burhans with their EarthCare Award, and in 2019, she was named Young Champion of the Earth by the United Nations.

Dan Cellucci is CEO of Catholic Leadership Institute, an apostolate providing leadership training and consulting to more than 290 bishops, 2,700 priests, and over 33,000 deacons, religious, and lay leaders in more than 100 dioceses. He was recently nominated to serve as a member of the National Advisory Council for the United States Conference of
Catholic Bishops. Mr. Cellucci also overseas research associated with Catholic Leadership Institute’s Disciple Maker Index, a parish survey tool that seeks to help pastors and pastoral leaders focus their efforts toward evangelization.

The Rev. James Clark III is the managing director of Mission Real Estate Development for Trinity Church Wall Street Philanthropies, where he leads a global initiative to identify and help churches discern, plan, and develop income-generating real estate projects that create sustainable financial capacity for ministry and a direct social impact in the communities they serve. He has 38 years of business experience and founded EnTrust Realty Advisors, one of the few black-owned institutional commercial real estate transaction advisory firms in the U.S. Rev. Clark holds an M.Div from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, an MBA from Columbia, a B.S. from New York University’s Stern School of Business, and a Certificate from the Leadership Institute at Harvard Divinity School.

Dr. Whitney McWheter Cranna is a Term Lecturer and Doctoral Mentor for MGH Institute of Health Professions. She is also a consultant for eBay where she is working to improve disability inclusion practices at the e-commerce company. Dr. Cranna holds a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Notre Dame, a M.S. in Occupational Therapy from Boston University, and a Doctorate of Occupational Therapy from MGH Institute of Health Professions.

Marianne Cusato is Professor of the Practice and Director of Housing & Community Regeneration Initiatives at Notre Dame’s School of Architecture, and the partner in charge of design and development at Cypress Community Development Corporation. Prof. Cusato’s innovative contributions to disaster recovery and workforce housing include the award-winning 308 square foot “Katrina Cottage.” She earned her B. Arch and MBA from Notre Dame.

Lawrence Daufenbach is the Founder and Executive Director of the Athenaeum Center for Thought & Culture, a nonprofit whose mission is to revitalize the great Catholic tradition of the arts in Chicago. Previously, Mr. Daufenbach founded Daufenbach Camera, a full service camera rental house specializing in digital cin-ema cameras, lenses, and accessories for motion picture, television, and commercials. He is a member of the Association of Independent Commercial Producers, and serves as a council member of the Production Equipment Rental Group.

Samuel Descôteaux Fréchette is an urban planner at Arpent, a Montréal-based non-profit urban planning firm. Among other services, Arpent offers professional support for the construction of affordable housing, the development of green infrastructures, the planning of soft densification, and the enhancement of religious heritage. In a context of drastic decline in church attendance and fast deterioration of religious properties in Québec, Mr. Descôteaux Fréchette is interested in their potential for transformation, notably in complement with the current growth in the social economy sectors.

Patricia Dolese is a Senior Consultant at Julius Capital. She served as the project manager for the redevelopment project at St. Austin Catholic Parish and School in Austin, TX. Ms. Dolese has had various leadership roles at St. Austin Parish and School, including serving as chair of the Pastoral Council and Finance Council under several different pastors. Her professional career includes 20+ years of consulting in Texas’s deregulated retail electric industry. She earned a B.S. in Architectural Studies from the University of Texas at Austin and an MBA from the University of Notre Dame.

Dr. Chris Elisara is Lead for the Studio for Placemaking at the Ormond Center at Duke Divinity School. Dr. Elisara is a champion of urban design and placemaking that makes places better for all people through work that includes being a long-term member, and former board member of the Congress for the New Urbanism. He has done international work through UN-Habitat’s World Urban Campaign where he was recently elected as co-chair of WUC’s civil society partners group. Dr. Elisara earned his B.A. at Auckland University, MBA at Eastern University, and Ph.D. at Biola University.

Dr. William N. Evans is the Keough-Hesburgh Professor of Economics at Notre Dame. An applied microeconomist, Dr. Evans has worked on topics in labor economics, the economics of education, public finance, and health economics. He and his colleague Jim Sullivan are the cofounders of the Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities (LEO), a research center that partners with local service providers such as Catholic Charities to provide
Maddy Johnson is the Program Manager for the Church Properties Initiative at the Fitzgerald Institute for Real Estate at Notre Dame. She previously worked as a capital markets research analyst at CBRE. A native of Minneapolis, Ms. Johnson holds a B.A. in philosophy from Hillsdale College and a Master of Urban Planning degree from McGill University, where her research focused on secondary uses on church property sites.

Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Katongole holds a joint appointment with the Keough School of Global Affairs, where he serves as a full time faculty of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. Before joining Notre Dame’s faculty, he served as Associate Professor of Theology and World Christianity at Duke, and as founding co-director of the Duke Center for Reconciliation. A member of the Contending Modernities Initiative team, Fr. Katongole coordinates an inter-disciplinary research project, which investigates how religious and secular forces compete or collaborate in shaping new modes of authority, community and identity within the context of nation-state modalities in Africa. He is a Catholic priest of Kampala Archdiocese, Uganda.

Dan Kelly serves as Faculty Director for the Fitzgerald Institute for Real Estate and is a Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame. Before joining the faculty at Notre Dame, Prof. Kelly was a judicial clerk on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, an attorney at Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York City, and a research fellow at Yale University and Harvard University. He earned a B.A. in Economics and History from the University of Notre Dame and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Christopher Kennedy is a Senior Consultant at Julius Capital, focusing on client readiness, project structure, and change management consulting for real estate and funding-related engagements. He led the Development Committee in organizing a public-private partnership at St. Austin Catholic Parish and School in Austin, Texas. Mr. Kennedy is also the CEO of Leadership Austin, own a small business, had a 22-year career at the Lower Colorado River Authority, and serves on many advisory councils locally in Austin.

Curtis H. Johnson, Jr., is Vice President of Housing and Strategy at Catholic Charities, USA, where he promotes strategies, resources, and policies to help the network preserve and expand affordable housing stock, including repurposing church property into quality homes. Previously, Johnson served nearly 16 years at the Diocese of Camden, New Jersey, developing 425 new units and rehabilitating 350 units of low-income senior and family housing. He has graduate and undergraduate degrees from
Lang received a Ph.D. in Construction Management from the University of California in 2009.

**Thomas Lenz** is a Senior Consultant with Millennia Consulting, a Chicago-based firm that serves the nonprofit, faith, public, and foundation sectors. Prior to joining Millennia, Mr. Lenz was Lead Organizer for two broad based citizen organizing projects affiliated with the Industrial Areas Foundation. He has also been a Senior Fellow in community development at the University of Illinois Chicago Great Cities Institute and directed the Chicago office of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, a national financial intermediary that channels corporate investment into inner city neighborhoods. Mr. Lenz graduated with a B.A. in American Studies from the University of Notre Dame and has a Masters in Urban Planning and Policy from UIC.

**Rev. Dr. Stephen M. Koeth, C.S.C.,** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of History at the University of Notre Dame and a FIRE Faculty Fellow. His book *Crabgrass Catholicism: How Suburbanization Transformed Faith and Politics in Postwar Long Island* is under contract with The University of Chicago Press’ Historical Studies of Urban America Series. Fr. Koeth earned both a B.A. in History and an M.Div from Notre Dame and was awarded a Ph.D. in History from Columbia University.

**Jamie Kralovec** is the Associate Director for Mission Integration and serves on the faculty of the Urban and Regional Planning program at Georgetown. Previously, he worked as the Program Manager for the White House Council on Strong Cities, Strong Communities and authored publications about major housing and community development issues for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Mr. Kralovec graduated from Notre Dame with a B.A. in Political Science and received an M.U.P. in Economic Policy and Housing Development from New York University.

**Fr. Matt Kuczora, C.S.C.,** is a Catholic priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross and a third year law student at Notre Dame Law School. While Fr. Kuczora’s academic interests are in education law and human rights, after college he worked for the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition, a non-profit affordable housing builder in Indio, CA. There, he wrote grants and facilitated community programming for CVHC’s Mutual Self-Help single-family program and its various multifamily developments.

**Dr. Paul E. Lang** is Chair of the Madison Building Commission and Coordinator of Real Estate and Construction for the Diocese of Madison. He aims to help priests oversee parish construction projects by assisting them in organizing their projects with contractors, making recommendations, overseeing blueprints, and helping with design and construction issues.

Dr. Nadia Mian is the Senior Program Director of the Ralph W. Voorhees Center for Civic Engagement and a Lecturer at the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University. She has previously taught at New York
Emerging Company Services for the Rockies Market.

David Pirchio graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Trento in Trent, Italy in 2019. He then completed a masters in Civil Engineering at Notre Dame. Currently, Mr. Pirchio splits his time between his doctoral studies at Notre Dame and part-time work at Frost Engineering and Consulting. His field of research is structural and seismic application of fiber reinforced polymers.

Lily Polster graduated from Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 2021. As an undergraduate, she also worked at AON as a Catastrophe Modeling Intern. Ms. Polster now is a student in Notre Dame’s Civil Engineering Masters Degree Program. In 2022, Ms. Polster received the O.H. Ammann Research Fellowship in Structural Engineering for her research on buckling restrained braces in seismic precast concrete frames.

Stefanos Polyzoides is the Francis and Kathleen Rooney Dean of the School of Architecture at the University of Notre Dame. He is one of six co-founders of the Congress for the New Urbanism and, with his wife Elizabeth Moule, has been a partner in Moule & Polyzoides, a Pasadena, California-based architectural practice, since 1990. Dean Polyzoides earned his bachelors and Masters degrees in architecture and urban planning from Princeton University.

Bishop Kevin Rhoades is the ninth Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. He holds advanced degrees in dogmatic theology and canon law from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Previously, Bishop Rhoades served as pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in Harrisburg, PA, and as faculty and rector at Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary, teaching systematic theology, canon law, and Hispanic ministry.

Michael Schierl is the founder of Julius Capital and Immaculata Law Firm. ImmacuLaw provides strategic financial solutions, transaction structuring, and new business unit startup services to Catholic and other non-profit organizations on a national basis. Schierl is a graduate of Harvard Law School and the University of Notre Dame and serves on the
Alexis Stypa graduated from Ave Maria University where she studied mathematics and humanities. She received a Masters in Architecture at Notre Dame, which brought her to Rome, Greece, Cuba, and some of America’s greatest cities and buildings. Her study of the history of ideas as an undergraduate was complemented by the study of classical architecture, as the design approach is deeply rooted in history and reason. These studies opened her eyes to the height of design and fostered a love for beauty. Alexis interned with Duncan G. Stroik Architect. Since graduating, she has worked for Harrison Design in Santa Barbara and manages the Elizabeth House.

Joe Teeling is the President of St. Joseph Group, a Catholic developer helping the Church leverage its land assets to produce income for evangelization and other Church needs. Mr. Teeling also was instrumental in the founding of Iowa Catholic Radio. He spent 40 years in the insurance industry, as a senior leader at Marsh and then founding his own independent agency in 2005. St. Joseph Group has been active in helping Avodah Farms, a Denver-based facility for helping sex-trafficked women with children heal and matriculate back to society.

Joe Thompson is the President of Mercy Housing Northwest and oversees a portfolio of nearly 3,000 affordable homes throughout the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Thompson has an over 30-year career in affordable housing development, operations, and related services programming, including 11 years as Director of Affordable Housing with Catholic Community Services of Western Washington. Mr. Thompson believes deeply in the power of affordable homes to positively transform communities, families, and individuals by creating better todays and brighter futures for all.

The Rev. Dr. Rochelle (Shelly) Stackhouse is the Senior Director of Programs for Partners for Sacred Places, a national non-profit helping churches steward historic buildings. A graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, Rev. Stackhouse has served numerous congregations and currently ministers at Buckingham United Church of Christ in Glastonbury, CT. She received a Ph.D. from Drew University in Liturgical Studies and has taught at seminaries, most recently Yale and Lexington.

Dr. Kevin Walsh is a professor in Civil and Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences at the University of Notre Dame. Among a litany of specialties, Dr. Walsh focuses his research on pultruded fiber-reinforced polymer (FRP) structural framing, inventory and seismic assessment of masonry and concrete buildings, and large-scale experimental testing. Dr. Walsh is the Principal Investigator (PI) for a project carrying out a seismic risk assessment of over 70 medieval Catholic churches in Italy in collaboration with multiple Italian universities.