

# *Amoris Laetitia:*

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*A New Momentum for  
Moral Formation and  
Pastoral Practice*

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boston college  
conference center

201 commonwealth avenue

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**8:00** Liturgy of the Eucharist, St. Mary’s Chapel

Welcome: Cardinal Blase Cupich and James F. Keenan,  
S.J., Conference Center

First Panel: “Understanding and





800 Liturgy of the Eucharist, St.Mary's Chapel

900-1000 Fourth Panel: Prof. Lisa Sowle Cahill, Moderator

**Amoris Laetitia** In the spirit of the Second Vatican Council, the synodal process (wide consultation of the people of God, prayerful gathering of bishops, the witness of those living marriage and family life, the discernment which led to consensus, and the pastoral leadership of the Holy Father) engages a pastoral approach defined by accompaniment. This has all kinds of implications for Church life from the governance of the universal Church, to local Churches in dioceses, to parishes, and the shared discernment of couples with their pastors.

Prof. Richard Gaillardet, Boston College, "Does synodality help the Church live out her mission today?"

Bishop Robert McElroy, San Diego, "How successful was the San Diego synod in opening up these processes?"

Fr. Antonio Spadaro, S.J., editor, *Civiltà Cattolica*, "An Italian voyage within the landscape of **Amoris Laetitia**."

1000-1015 Coffee Break

1015-11:15 Discussion of Fourth Panel: Prof. Lisa Sowle Cahill, Moderator

11:30 Lunch

1:00-2:00 Fifth Panel: Prof. Conor Kelly, Moderator

As a Church we are not only receiving **Amoris Laetitia**, we also need to recognize that there is more work to be done in understanding it and then actually implementing it in formation and pastoral practice. It will be important to identify, as best as we can, what that future pastoral and theological agenda might be.

Bishop Franz-Josef Overbeck, Essen, German Bishops Conference, “What theological resources did the German bishops mine for their reception of *Amoris Laetitia*?”

Archbishop Charles Scicluna, Malta, “What theological resources did the Archdiocese of Malta mine for their reception of *Amoris Laetitia*?”

Archbishop Wilton Gregory, Atlanta, “What do you need from theologians today to respond to the invitation of *Amoris Laetitia*?”

2:00-2:15 Coffee Break

2:15-3:15 Discussion of Fifth Panel: Prof. Conor Kelly

3:15-3:45 Closing comments by Cardinal Blase Cupich and James F. Keenan, S.J.

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Msgr. Jack Alesandro.....	Diocese of Rockville Centre
Bishop Gerald Barnes.....	Diocese of San Bernardino
Bishop Steven Robert Biegler.....	Diocese of Cheyenne
Msgr. Philippe Bordeyne, Rector.....	Institut Catholique, Paris
Lisa Sowle Cahill.....	Boston College
Fr. Louis J. Cameli.....	Archdiocese of Chicago
John Carr.....	Georgetown University
Meghan Clark.....	St. John's University
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Carlos De La Rosa.....	Porticus NA
Bishop Timothy Doherty.....	Diocese of Lafayette
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