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THE FUTURE OF RELIGION:
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HILTON PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, USA, 22 - 23 JULY 2016

Suggested Themes:

John Paul II--philosopher-poet-Pope--forged a grand new synthesis unmatched since Thomas Aquinas’ *Summa*. It is timely, then, to ask how and why John Paul’s vision of a new evangelization of culture may impact the Church and the world. A scholar whose many encyclicals sought to make religion accessible and relevant to the modern world, John Paul combined the moral courage of the Russian Nobel-winning author Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn with a major French Catholic philosopher Jacques Maritain’s personalism that emphasized human dignity and universal spiritual yearnings, bridging East and West. Personal experience as a witness to Nazi and communist dictatorships in his native Poland sharpened his vision and prayer life, and contributed to his formation and pastoral calling rooted in Christian humanism. But it was his friendly demeanor, approachable personality, openness to all seekers, and bearings under physical afflictions that appealed to all and made John Paul II everyone’s Pope across geographical and cultural divides, prompting the call for his sainthood (“santo subito”). The question, thus, arises: What are the prospects for John Paul’s quest for the evangelization of culture and the future of religion in a world that embraces a commercial ethos with highly atomized, self-referential individuals in a postmodern global society in search of common bonds? Can such a world experience re-enchantment by rediscovering St. Paul’s cardinal virtues--faith, hope, and love--as the road energized by Christ’s promise of grace, mercy, and redemption?

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CONFERENCE STRUCTURE:

Check-In: Thursday, July 21, 3:00 - 6:00 PM, Hilton Pasadena. Reception: Thursday, July 21, 7:00 - 8:00 PM: Coffee Corner. Main Conference Program: Friday - Saturday, July 22-23, 8:45 AM - 6:00 PM: Monterey Room. Keynote: Friday, July 22, 8:00 - 9:00 PM: Monterey Room. Format: Multidisciplinary panels and papers. Participants are encouraged to attend the entire conference to enhance dialogue, synergy, and synthesis, as well as fellowship. Presenting a paper is not a prerequisite for participation. Indicate if you prefer to serve as discussant. Family members enjoy the reduced student registration rate. Audio-Visual Equipment: Bring laptop or flash drive if desired for PowerPoint presentation. Cultural/Sightseeing: Before or after the conference. Optional Field Trip: Huntington Library & Gardens, Pasadena.

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