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PRESENTS

Dr Peter C Phan

In the 33rd Annual Flannery Lecture

March 26, 2009, 7:30 pm

Globe Room of Cataldo Hall

“Forming Catholic Identity in an Age of Religious Pluralism”

Peter C Phan is currently the inaugural holder of the Ignacio Ellacuria, S.J. Chair of Catholic Thought at Georgetown University. He came to the United States as a refugee from Vietnam in 1975. Ordained a Catholic priest in 1972, Professor Phan has functioned primarily as a teacher. He has taught at the University of Dallas, the Catholic University of America, Georgetown University, and many other institutions in Europe and Asia. Professor Phan has earned three doctorates, at the Salesian Pontifical University, Rome and the University of London, and has been awarded two honorary doctorates. He is the first non-Anglo to be elected president of the Catholic Theological Society of America.

Professor Phan's writings, which number over a dozen books and three hundred essays, cover a wide range of theological themes, from Orthodox iconography to patristics, eschatology, ecclesiology, and the history of missions. His recent works deal with liberation, inculturation, and interreligious dialogue, especially in Asia. He is currently completing a handbook on Roman Catholic theology and on the theology of the Trinity.

Dr Phan will discuss the challenges and opportunities of religious pluralism for the task of passing on the faith to the younger generation and will suggest ways in which Christian identity can be shaped in the context of multiple identities, especially in the United States.

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