

**Breakfast Talks**



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**Using Augustine and Aquinas to Explore Political Theory**

**Presenter:** John Burke, Ph.D.  
**Date:** September 26 (Thursday)  
**Time:** 8:45 a.m. (Daily Mass at 8:00 a.m.)  
**Offering:** \$10 per person (includes light morning refreshments)



This reflection will discuss how the writings of Augustine and Aquinas lead to clearly different political theories. Whereas Augustine is quite skeptical about whether a truly just realm can be achieved in this world, Aquinas is much more confident that a just government and society can be undertaken based on Christian moral principles. After comparing and contrasting their positions, the presentation will suggest contemporary updates on this debate in the work of Reinhold Niebuhr, John Paul II, and liberation theology.

**Connecting with God, Self, and Community in a Hyper-Connected World**

**Presenter:** Nick Rademacher, Ph.D.  
**Date:** November 6 (Wednesday)  
**Time:** 8:45 a.m. (Daily Mass at 8:00 a.m.)  
**Offering:** \$10 per person (includes light morning refreshments)



Thomas Merton, writing in the middle twentieth-century, already recognized that the proliferation of technology was, paradoxically, making it increasingly difficult for people—both individually and in community—to live in right relationship with God, self and others. Such a breakdown in right relationship in each of these related areas fostered social injustice. According to Merton, the healing of this brokenness was possible only through prayer and genuine dialogue. The purpose of this talk is to explore Merton’s writing on technology and communication as a way to formulate an authentic presence—a presence that connects us to God, one another, and ourselves—in the midst of today’s accelerating information-overload.

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