



US-China Catholic Association

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29th International Conference and 35th Anniversary Celebration

August 2-4, 2024

DePaul University, Chicago

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Date/Time	Speaker(s)	Title of keynote or panel
8/2/2024 Friday		
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Registration and social	
7:00 – 7:05 pm	Welcome by Board Chair Peter Tan, USCCA	
7:05 - 8:00 pm	Opening Evening Keynote Dr. Naomi Thurston, The Chinese University of Hong Kong Chair: Dr. Richard Madsen, USCCA & University of California, San Diego	Echoes of Hope: Chinese-Christian Debates in Republican and Post-Reform-Era China
8:00 - 9:00 pm	Reception and social	
8/3/2024 Saturday		
8:00 - 4:00 pm	Registration, information, book display, social	
7:30 - 8:30 am	Breakfast	
8:30 - 8:40 am	Morning prayers and welcome Conference Liturgy Committee and Conference Chair	
8:45 - 9:45 am	Saturday Morning Keynote Fr. Augustine Tsang, SJ, Saint Robert Bellarmine, Taiwan Chair: Fr. Francis Li, USCCA Conference Committee Chair	Hope in the Present: Pastoral Work in and for Chinese Christians in Recent Years
9:45 - 10:15 am	Coffee/Tea Break	

10:15 - 11:45 am	Parallel session 1a Fr. Joseph Bai, Catholic University of America; Sr. Antoinette Gutzler, MM, Maryknoll; Fr. Heping Wang, CCPA & BCCCC, China Chair: Dr. Anthony E. Clark, USCCA & Whitworth University	Theology and Faith Formation in the Chinese Context
10:15 - 11:45 am	Parallel session 1b Sr. Xiaoping Guo, Sheshan Seminary, Shanghai; Fr. Jeremiah Li, Aquinas Institute of Theology; Fr. Joseph Yu Yang, National Catholic Seminary, China Chair: Dr. Anne Tsui, USCCA & Arizona State University	Clergy Leadership and Church Life in China
10:15 - 11:45 am	Parallel session 1c Fr. Peter Shen, St. John's University; Dr. John Worthley, Seton Hall University; Fr. Qiulin Zhang, National Catholic Seminary, China Chair: Fr. Augustine Tsang, SJ, Saint Robert Bellarmine, Taiwan	Social Services in Rural and Urban China
11:45 - 1:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00- 2:30 pm	Parallel session 2a Dr. Michel Chambon, National University of Singapore; Dr. Jin Lu, Purdue University Northwest; Dr. Qi Zeng, Boston College Chair: Dr. Naomi Thurston, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Chinese Culture, Context, and Catholicism
1:00- 2:30 pm	Parallel session 2b Dr. Georges Enderle, University of Notre Dame; Jan Kwee, China-Zentrum, Germany; Dr. Brent Fulton, ChinaSource, USA; Ms. Andrea Lee, ChinaSource, USA Chair: Tom McGuire, USCCA	Social Service Outreach in China
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Parallel session 2c Ms. Greta Frei, Boston University; Dr. Kathy Stout, Dayton University Chair: Fr. Rob Carbonneau, CP, USCCA & Boston College	Young Scholars' Perspectives on Friendship and Dialogue with the Church in China
2:30 – 2:45 pm	Tea Break	
2:45 - 4:15 pm	Parallel session 3a 1. Keynote speakers: Dr. Naomi Thurston, The Chinese University of Hong Kong; Fr. Augustine Tsang, SJ, Saint Robert Bellarmine, Taiwan 2. Panel 1a: Fr. Joseph Bai, Catholic University of America & Sr. Antoinette Gutzler, MM, Maryknoll Sisters	Informal Table Conversation with Keynote and Panel Speakers

	<p>3. Panel 1b: Sr. Xiaoping Guo, Sheshan Seminary, Shanghai & Fr. Jeremiah Li, Aquinas Institute of Theology</p> <p>4. Panel 1c: Fr. Peter Shen, St. John's University & Dr. John Worthley, Seton Hall University</p> <p>5. Panel 2a: Dr. Michel Chambon, National University of Singapore; Dr. Jin Lu, Purdue University Northwest, & Dr. Qi Zeng, Boston College</p> <p>6. Panel 2b: Dr. Georges Enderle, University of Notre Dame; Jan Kwee, China-Zentrum, Germany; Dr. Brent Fulton, ChinaSource, USA & Ms. Andrea Lee, ChinaSource, USA</p> <p>7. Panel 2c: Ms. Greta Frei, Boston University & Dr. Kathy Stout, Dayton University</p> <p>Chairs: Deacon Doug Lovejoy, USCCA & Anne Tsui, USCCA & Arizona State University</p>	
2:45 - 4:15 pm	<p>Parallel session 3b</p> <p>Bishop Paul Junmin Pei, Diocese of Liaoning, China; Fr. Heping Wang, CCPA & BCCCC, China; Fr. Joseph Yu Yang, National Catholic Seminary, China; Fr. Qiulin Zhang, National Catholic Seminary, China</p> <p>Chair: Fr. Joseph Lin, USCCA & Basilica of Regina Pacis</p>	Informal Conversation with Chinese Bishop and Priests (in Chinese and English language)
2:45 - 4:15 pm	<p>Parallel session 3c</p> <p>Dr. Anthony E. Clark, USCCA & Whitworth University; Dr. Xiaoxin Wu, Boston College</p> <p>Chair & speaker: Fr. Rob Carbonneau, CP, USCCA & Boston College</p>	Understanding China's Catholic Past and Present Realities as a Foundation for Future USCCA Relationships
5:00 - 6:00 pm	<p>Conference & Vigil Mass in DePaul University Church</p> <p>Cardinal Blase Cupich, Archdiocese of Chicago, presider of Mass</p>	
6:00 - 9:00 pm	<p>Award ceremony and USCCA 35th anniversary celebration (Chinatown)</p> <p>Chairs: Fr. Francis Li, USCCA & Fr. Hugh O'Donnell, CM, USCCA</p>	
8/4/2024 Sunday		
8:00 - 12:00 pm	Registration, information, book display, social	
7:30 - 8:00 am	Breakfast	
8:00 - 8:10 am	<p>Morning prayer and announcements</p> <p>Conference Liturgy Committee</p>	
8:10 - 8:45 am	<p>Video message</p> <p>Cardinal Stephen Chow, SJ, Diocese of Hong Kong</p> <p>Chair: Fr. Rob Carbonneau, CP, USCCA & Boston College</p>	Welcome Speech from Cardinal Stephen Chow

8:45 - 9:45 am	Sunday morning Keynote Bishop Paul Junmin Pei, Diocese of Liaoning, China Chair & response: Fr. Lance Nadeau, MM, Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers	Challenges and Opportunities of Catholicism in China
9:45 – 10:00 am	Tea Break	
10:00 – 11:00 am	Parallel session 4a Fr. Rob Carbonneau, CP, USCCA & Boston College; Dr. Anthony E. Clark, USCCA & Whitworth University; Mary Sluka, USCCA Chair: Dr. Richard Madsen, USCCA & University of California, San Diego	Learning about Chinese Catholics through USCCA
10:00 – 11:00 am	Parallel session 4b Kathleen O’Brien, Maryknoll; Maureen Schwening, University of Notre Dame; Yujia (Sam) Zhai, Boston College Chair: Dr. Carolyn Woo, USCCA	Friendship as Ministry
10:00 – 11:00 am	Parallel session 4c Fr. Hugh O’Donnell, CM, USCCA; Peter Tan, USCCA; Fr. Joseph Lin, USCCA & Basilica of Regina Pacis Chair: Tom McGuire, USCCA	What is the Good News Message for US Catholics from Chinese Catholics?
11:10 - 12:00 pm	Sunday Closing Keynote Dr. Anthony E. Clark, USCCA & Whitworth University Chair: Peter Tan, USCCA	Keeping the Hill Green: China’s Hopeful Catholic Future
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00 – 5:00 pm	“Discover Chicago Catholic Churches and Downtown” Guide: Prof. William Cavanaugh, DePaul University	