

SAMPLE COLLOQUY SCHEDULE

This is only a sample schedule. Details will vary depending on the colloquy location and often includes one day with an option for an evening on the town.

ARRIVAL DAY -

1:00 p.m.	Participants begin arriving and checking in
5:00 p.m.	Social – appetizers and drinks
6:00 p.m.	Opening Dinner
7:15 p.m.	Opening Welcome

DAY 1 -

Objectives for the Day:

1. Morning introductory conversations aim to help participants identify and articulate their own goals, hopes, and challenges in their careers and faith lives; equally importantly, participants will engage in the deep listening necessary for any new assembly of “I’s” to become a coherent “we.”
2. Begin to understand what is meant by the term “Catholic imagination” via readings and a plenary talk on the place of the intellectual life in the church today, in terms of both opportunities and challenges.
3. Cultivate the practices of prayer and spirituality to connect with our hopes and fears and discerning our own vocation, beginning with reflection on who we are where we have been.

7:00 – 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast**

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. **Small groups** (small group homerooms remain the same all week)

This discussion serves as an opportunity to introduce yourself briefly to your group. Since our shared reflections often bring up questions of commitment and belonging, we ask participants to say something about:

- Who and what is most important to you?
- In what ways in your work environments, disciplines, and elsewhere in your life do you feel that you fully “belong”?
- Where might you feel left out or marginalized?
- Where might you hold yourself at a distance?

- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.** **Break**
Coffee and tea are available.
- 11:45 a.m.** **Plenary Presentation – “What If Our Work Really Mattered”**
 Thomas M. Landy, College of the Holy Cross
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 2:15 – 3:45 p.m.** **Small group discussions**
 Discussion about major presentations and readings.
- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.** **Prayer/Spirituality -- “Remembrance and Spirituality”**
- 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.** **Dinner – “Dinner for the Disciplines”**

This discussion has no formal agenda but is an opportunity to meet people in related fields. One starter question could be “What is a course you’d consider thinking about as 'lab' for applying some of the week’s ideas?”

- 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.** **Optional Social**
 Everybody is invited to relax with light refreshments at the end of a full day.

DAY 2 -

Objectives for the Day:

1. Continue to cultivate the habits of deep listening and paying attention to what you see, hear, taste, feel.
2. Craft an understanding of Catholicism's "sacramental/analogical imagination:" the belief in the ability of creation to mediate God's presence in the world, via readings, plenary talk and viewing of *Babette's Feast*.
3. In Prayer/Spirituality sessions, move toward the theme of discernment by focusing on how we might look for God’s call in our own lives, work, desires, and imagination.

- 7:00 – 8:30 a.m.** **Breakfast**
- 10:30 a.m.** **Eucharist (with Saint John’s Community)**
- 11:45 – 1:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:45 – 2:45 p.m.** **Plenary Presentation –“A Sacramental Vision: The Catholic Imagination in a Secular Age”**
 Matthew Eggemeier, College of the Holy Cross

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 – 4:15 p.m.	Small groups Discussion of talks and readings and themes of the day.
4:30 – 5:15 p.m.	Spirituality – “God of Great Desires, God of Great Surprises”
5:15 – 6:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:45 p.m.	Film Screening: <i>Babette’s Feast</i>
8:30 – 9:30 p.m.	Post Screening Social with Prosecco and Desserts

DAY 3 -

Objectives for the Day:

1. Contrast yesterday’s unpacking of the life-affirming “sacramental imagination” with a “prophetic imagination” that examines injustice in the world and focuses on how we and our institutions need to address the world’s needs today. Consider: how can sacramentality and a world of injustices co-exist?
2. Consider relevant and diverse images of Jesus. Pelikan's book and the wide array of images collected at <http://bit.ly/CollegiumJune2021> show some of the many ways Jesus has come to be understood in different cultural contexts in the history of Christianity. What implications to various perspectives on Jesus have for how we think about the mission of a Catholic university. Is Jesus relevant to teaching and research?
3. Apply the emerging lessons of the week to a consideration of how the work of STEM fields contribute to—or might contribute to—the Catholic identities of our colleges and universities.

7:00 – 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Spirituality -- “Where Do We Need Healing? Where Does the World Need Healing”
11:15 a.m.	Plenary Presentation – “The Prophetic Imagination: Embodying Mercy in a Suffering World” Matthew Eggemeier, College of the Holy Cross
11:30 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Small Groups Session I – Prophetic Imagination
3:30 – 3:45 p.m.	Break

3:45 – 5:00 p.m. Small Groups Session II – Images of God/Jesus

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner

STEM conversation at reserved tables : Fellows of any discipline are invited to partake in scaffolded conversations during dinner. Look for the tables that have discussion starters on signs to get things going.

7:00 – 7:45 p.m. Mentor Talks
Three mentors share their vocational stories.

8:00 – 10:00 p.m. Optional Social
Everybody is invited to relax with light refreshments at the end of a full day.

DAY 4 – RETREAT & REFLECTION DAY

After breakfast and morning prayer participants will engage in one of four retreats of their choice...a pause in this text heavy week for spiritual refreshment.

7:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer/Lectio Divina

9:00 a.m. Retreats

1. **A Day of “Greening,” a lá Hildegard of Bingen, OSB** with Karen Eifler
2. **The Inner Life of the Educator: Engaging the Wisdom of St. Ignatius of Loyola and Parker Palmer** with Beth Barsotti
3. **An Invitation to Soul Listening** with Diane Millis
4. **Good Country People: The Stories of Flannery O’Connor and the Inner Struggle for Authenticity** with Fr. Timothy “Timo” Backous

9:00 – 4:45 p.m. Saint John’s Abbey Church is available for individual reflection.

12:00 – 12:45 p.m. Lunch
Please be aware some retreatants may be engaging in contemplative silence during this meal.

4:45 p.m. Eucharist

6:00 p.m. Picnic Dinner

7:30 – 10:00 p.m. Optional Holy Fire Bonfire

DAY 5 -

Objectives for the Day:

1. Understand how the Catholic Church has come to understand its role in the world since Vatican II and become familiar with the principal tenets of Catholic Social Teaching, the body of knowledge and imagination that seeks to envision a framework for a more just society.
2. Optional but wonderful: explore one of the Church's great treasures, *The Saint John's Bible*—the first fully hand-rendered illuminated bible crafted in over 500 years--and find out how the monks of St. John's Abbey sponsored it into existence.

7:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Prayer/Spirituality -- “Discernment and Discipleship”

**10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Thomas Landy Award Presentation followed by Plenary Presentation –
“Catholic Social Thought”
Kate Ward, Marquette University**

11:30 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Small Groups

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner

8:00 – 10:00 p.m. Optional Social
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DAY 6 -

Objectives for the Day:

1. Listen to and consider specific ways the Collegium experience has had discernible impacts on the core work of teaching, scholarship and service of alums.
2. Unpack a recent document from Pope Francis, *Gaudete et Exsultate* to consider possible futures for the Church and its institutions in the world ahead.
3. Provide fitting closure to the experiences of the week and reflect on ways you might take what you've learned home with you.

7:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

- 8:30 a.m.** **Morning Prayer**
- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.** **Panel Discussion: Taking Collegium Home**
Three mentors share practical ways their collegium experience has influenced their teaching, scholarship and service.
- 10:45 – 12:00 p.m.** **Small groups**
Discussion of the readings from *Becoming Beholders* and panel discussion.
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:30 – 2:45 p.m.** **Small Groups – Thinking of Home**

How can I bring what I have learned this week into my teaching, scholarship or service? What practices can I take home to make room for a spiritual life? What might I give up to create space in my life for the things that matter most?

- 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.** **Large Group Sharing – Ideas from Small Groups About Moving Forward**
If there are multiple people from the same institution, please sit together.

- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.** **Prayer/Spirituality – “Being Sent”**

We would like to have all participants and staff present. Small groups will offer each other a departing blessing during this session.

- 6:15 p.m.** **Social – appetizers and drinks**
- 7:15 p.m.** **Closing Dinner followed by Toasts and Thanks**

Following dinner participants are invited to the podium to offer parting toasts, thoughts, and poems.

DEPARTURE DAY -

Objective for the Day:

1. To have a smooth and safe journey back home filled with gratitude from a wonderful week.

- 6:00 – 9:00 a.m.** **Grab and Go Breakfast Available**
- 5:00 – 11 a.m.** **Checkout and preparation for airport departure**