

# The Option for the Poor in Christian Theology

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**Sunday, November 10****Welcome/Keynote**

Welcome/Introductions

Edward A. Malloy, CSC, President  
University of Notre Dame7:00 p.m. Daniel Groody, CSC,  
University of Notre DameJohn Cavadini,  
University of Notre Dame7:15 p.m. *The Option for the Poor in Christian Theology*  
Gustavo Gutiérrez  
University of Notre Dame

8:30 p.m. Reception

**Monday, November 11****Morning Session—Reality of Poverty**Chair: Carolyn Woo  
University of Notre Dame9:00 a.m. *The Multidimensional Reality of Poverty*  
Javier Iguñiz-Echeverría  
Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú9:30 a.m. *The Option for the Poor and Business Ethics*  
Georges Enderle  
University of Notre Dame

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Workshops  
*Option for the Poor and Business*  
Mendoza College of Business*Option for the Poor and Law*  
Law School*Option for the Poor and Social Teachings of the Church*  
Department of Theology11:30 a.m. Open Discussion  
Moderator: Jean Porter  
University of Notre Dame

12:15 p.m. Lunch

**Afternoon Session—Foundational Theological Sources**Chair: Cathleen Kaveny  
University of Notre Dame1:30 p.m. *The Bible and Poverty*  
Elsa Tamez  
Universidad Bíblica Latinoamericana, Costa Rica2:00 p.m. *Poverty and Social Marginalization in Early Israel: Implications for Christian Theology*Hugh Page  
University of Notre Dame

2:30 p.m. Break

Chair: Virgilio Elizondo  
University of Notre Dame2:45 p.m. *Patristic Theology and the Option for the Poor*  
John Cavadini  
University of Notre Dame3:15 p.m. Response  
Brian Daley, SJ  
University of Notre Dame

3:45 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. Open Discussion  
Moderator: Lawrence Cunningham  
University of Notre Dame

5:15 p.m. Eucharistic Celebration

6:30 p.m. Reception

7:30 p.m. Dinner/Grace: Theodore Hesburgh, CSC  
University of Notre DameKeynote: Johann Baptist Metz  
Münster, Germany**Tuesday, November 12****Morning Session—Opting for the Poor in Theology Today**Chair: Cyril O'Regan  
University of Notre Dame9:00 a.m. *Option for the Poor and the Mystical-Political Understanding of God*David Tracy  
University of Chicago Divinity School9:45 a.m. Responses  
Matthew Ashley  
University of Notre DameShawn Copeland  
Marquette University

10:15 a.m. Open Discussion

10:45 a.m. Break

Chair: Robert Pelton, CSC  
University of Notre Dame11:00 a.m. *Theology of Religions and the Poor*  
Aloysius Pieris, SJ  
Centre for Research and Encounter, Sri Lanka11:30 a.m. *Social Justice in Judaism*  
Michael Signer  
University of Notre Dame12:00 a.m. Open Discussion  
Moderator: Timothy Matovina  
University of Notre Dame

12:30 p.m. Lunch

**Afternoon Session—Globalization, Contemporary Issues, and the Poor**Chair: Mary Doak  
University of Notre Dame2:00 p.m. *The Option for the Poor in the Context of Globalization: A Feminist Vision*María Pilar Aquino  
University of San Diego

2:30 p.m. Specific Areas of Concern

*Poverty and Gender*Mary Catherine Hillkert, OP  
University of Notre Dame*Poverty and Race*Antonio Aparecido da Silva  
Centro Atabaque de Cultura Negra y Teología, Brazil*Poverty and Culture*Virgilio Elizondo  
University of Notre Dame

3:30 p.m. Workshops

*Option for the Poor and Africa*  
Kellogg Institute*Option for the Poor and Pedagogy*  
Center for Social Concerns*Option for the Poor and Liturgy*  
Center for Pastoral Liturgy

5:15 p.m. Eucharistic Celebration

6:15 p.m. The Notre Dame Prize for Distinguished Public Service in Latin America Award Ceremony  
Prize Recipient:Cardinal Oscar Andrés Rodríguez Maradiaga, SDB  
Presented by:The Kellogg Institute for International Studies  
Reception**Wednesday, November 13****New Voices, Critical Appropriations**Chair: Daniel Groody, CSC  
University of Notre Dame

9:00 a.m. Comments from Young Theologians

11:00 a.m. Closing Reflections

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