Seed of the Church: Telling the Story of Today’s Christian Martyrs
November 4 - 6, 2012

SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 4

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  Check-In and Registration  McKenna Hall Lobby, Notre Dame Conference Center (NDCC)

7:45 p.m.  Religious Freedom: Persecution of the Church, and Martyrdom  McKenna Hall Auditorium, NDCC
Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò  Apostolic Nuncio to the United States

Monday, November 5

For those staying at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, a shuttle will pick up at 8:30 a.m. to take you to McKenna Hall.

PLENARY SESSION I:  McKenna Hall Auditorium, NDCC

9:00 a.m.  Christian Martyrdom: A Global Demographic Assessment  
Professor Todd Johnson  
Associate Professor of Global Christianity  
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

9:50 a.m.  Break

10:05 a.m.  Perspectives from the Global Church  
Persecutions in Africa: Contexts, Contents, and Opportunities  
Bishop Matthew Hassan Kukah  
Bishop of Sokoto, Nigeria

10:55 a.m.  Break
11:05 a.m.  
*The Seed of the Church and the Yoke of Commitment: Religious Radicalism and the Post-Western World*  
Professor Lamin Sanneh  
D. Willis James Professor of Missions & World Christianity  
and Professor of History, Yale Divinity School, Yale University

12:00 p.m.  
Lunch (on your own)

PLENARY SESSION II:  
Mckenna Hall Auditorium, NDCC

1:30 p.m.  
Panel Discussion: Politics and Policies  
*Anti-Persecution or Pro-Freedom? A Dilemma for American Foreign Policy*  
Professor Tom Farr  
Director of the Religious Freedom Project, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs; and Visiting Associate Professor of Religion and International Affairs, Georgetown University  
*The Political Landscape of the Suffering Church: Lessons and Legacies*  
Professor Allen Hertzke  
Presidental Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma

2:25 p.m.  
Break

2:35 p.m.  
Perspectives from the Global Church  
*China: the Country Has Changed, Religious Policy Has Not*  
Father Gianni Criveller  
Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions  
Professor at Holy Spirit Seminary College of Theology and Philosophy, Hong Kong

3:25 p.m.  
Break

3:40 p.m.  
*Remembering the New Martyrs: Icons of Witness*  
Monsignor Angelo Romano  
Community of Sant'Egidio, Church of San Bartolomeo
4:30 p.m. Break, Travel Time

5:15 p.m. Mass
Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, Presider and Homilist
Priests are welcome to concelebrate

7:45 p.m. Keynote Talk #2
McKenna Hall Auditorium, NDCC
The Global War on Christians
John L. Allen, Jr.
Senior Correspondent, National Catholic Reporter
Senior Vatican Analyst, CNN

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Tuesday, November 6

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PLENARY SESSION III:
McKenna Hall Auditorium, NDCC

9:00 a.m. Punishing Apostasy & Blasphemy
Professor Nina Shea
Director, Center for Religious Freedom
Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute

9:50 a.m. Break

10:05 a.m. Religious Freedom and Citizenship for Minorities:
Opportunities & Challenges of the Arab Spring
Professor Rashied Omar
Research Scholar of Islamic Studies and Peacebuilding and Fellow
Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame
PLENARY SESSION IV: McKenna Hall Auditorium, NDCC

11:05 a.m.  
_Prophet Today, Martyr Tomorrow: Catholic Peacebuilders as Religious Targets_
Professor R. Scott Appleby  
Professor of History  
Regan Director, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies  
University of Notre Dame

12:00 p.m.  
Lunch (on your own)

PLENARY SESSION V: McKenna Hall Auditorium, NDCC

1:30 p.m.  
Panel Discussion: Perspectives from the Global Church

_Do Copts Have a Future in Egypt?_  
Samuel Tadros  
Research Fellow, Center for Religious Freedom, Hudson Institute  
Professional Lecturer, Johns Hopkins University

_In Search of Justice and Peace: Challenges to the Christians of India_  
Father Cedric Prakash  
Director of Prashant, the Ahmedabad-based Jesuit Centre for Human Rights, Justice and Peace

2:25 p.m.  
Break

2:40 p.m.  
Professor Timothy Samuel Shah  
Associate Director of the Religious Freedom Project at the Berkley Center For Religion, Peace, and World Affairs  
Visiting Assistant Professor in the Government Department, Georgetown University

3:30 p.m.  
Break
3:45 p.m.  
*Religious Liberty and the End of Martyrdom*  
Professor Chad C. Pecknold  
Assistant Professor of Theology, Catholic University of America

4:35 p.m.  
Closing Remarks  
McKenna Hall Auditorium, NDCC  
Professor John C. Cavadini  
McGrath-Cavadini Director, Institute for Church Life  
Professor of Theology, University of Notre Dame  
Professor Daniel Philpott  
Associate Professor of Political Science and Peace Studies  
University of Notre Dame