

KATERI INSTITUTE FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES

Revelation/Apocalypse

Winter 2025 Life of the Mind Seminar Series

AN EVENING WITH BISHOP BOYEA

BISHOP EARL BOYEA

DIOCESE OF LANSING, MICHIGAN

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 5-7 PM

Our first event with Bishop Boyea will take the form of an informal discussion over dinner, so please bring whatever questions you want to ask, including queries about apocalypse and revelation, a subject that Bishop Boyea has written and preached about many times. This event is a rare opportunity to break bread with one of North America's most respected bishops.

WHAT DOES SCRIPTURE SAY ABOUT THE END OF THE WORLD?

PROF. PETER WILLIAMSON

SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 5-7 PM

Beginning with the Hebrew prophets, the Bible announces that the world as we know it will come to an end, and that God will judge evildoers and will save his people in a new world that he will create. Jesus' first coming marks the beginning of God's end-time salvation, and in the Gospels Jesus teaches his disciples what to expect in the days ahead. For their part, Jesus' apostles fill out the picture and teach Christians how to live in the final days that began with Jesus's death, resurrection, and ascension. These truths of Scripture are summarized in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. In this seminar, we will examine passages from Isaiah, the Gospels, the Letters of Paul, and the book of Revelation, and reflect on their implications for 21st century Catholics.

THE APOCALYPSE OF NONVIOLENCE

DR. ANTHONY BARTLETT

BETHANY CENTER FOR NONVIOLENT THEOLOGY AND SPIRITUALITY

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 5-7 PM

"Total loss of sacrifice will necessarily provoke an explosion because sacrifice is the political-religious framework that sustains us. Without this elementary peace and all the ensuring justifications, humanity will be led to the apocalypse." René Girard, *Battling to the End*

This seminar will show how nonviolence is apocalyptic, and for two reasons. First, from the root meaning of apocalypse, "revelation" of something real and life-giving that cannot be known unless it is actively shared, breaking through into the untruth of the violent world order. It is the gospel of Jesus that does this. And, secondly, following the popularized meaning—because it brings violent effects, as a world based in violence continues to resist it. Our discussion will see how these two themes are bound together, involving both a sense of liberation and a continued crisis. But at root it looks forward to a final, profound triumph of the gospel of peace.

Pre-registration required. Visit kateriinstitute.org to learn more.