

ST. XAVIER BICENTENNIAL LECTURE SERIES

Sunday, March 17

6:00 PM

St. Xavier Parish Center

611 Sycamore, Cincinnati, OH 45202

“Surrender and Resistance in Ignatian Spirituality.”



Jesus Christ calls each of us to surrender to him, not to submit to him. What is the difference? Why do we think we have to destroy ourselves in order to love Jesus when he really wants to grant us the deepest desires of our hearts? What do we fear in not allowing Christ to know and have all of us? St. Ignatius and the Jesuit School of Spirituality asks and answers such questions with its concentration on one's holiest longings. Fr. Meconi will address these and other fundamental points in his talk this evening, "Surrender and Resistance in Ignatian Spirituality."

Fr. David Vincent Meconi, S.J., D.Phil. (*Oxon.*) is Professor of Historical Theology as well as the Director of the Catholic Studies Centre at Saint Louis University; he is also the editor of *Homiletic and Pastoral Review*. He holds the pontifical license in Patrology from the University of Innsbruck in Austria, as well as his doctorate in Ecclesiastical History from the University of Oxford. Fr. Meconi has published numerous books and articles on the early Church, and on Saint Augustine of Hippo in particular; his most recent works include the *Sermons of Peter Chrysologus* (Routledge), the *The Cambridge Companion to Augustine's City of God* (Cambridge University Press) and *Augustine On Self-Harm, Narcissism, Atonement and the Vulnerable Christ* (Bloomsbury Press). Fr. Meconi spent his first summer of priesthood here at St. Francis Xavier Church and is very glad to be back in Cincinnati for his talk.

Refreshments will be served. Come and learn about Jesuit Spirituality

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