

CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC SCHOLARS TO CONVENE AT NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE

An assembly of some of the most prominent Catholic scholars in the nation will meet at Nassau Community College in Garden City, New York, on March 28 and 29. The conference is being sponsored by the Nassau County Center for Catholic Studies and the New York Chapter of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists. All events will take place in the College Center Building and are being arranged by Dr. Joseph Varacalli, the Center's founder and director.

The conference is based on the initial entries submitted for a forthcoming encyclopedia to be published by Scarecrow Press; the volume is three years away from publication but is expected to contain 500 entries. Many sessions will occur throughout the two-day event.

There will also be four plenary sessions. On March 28, Dr. Candace de Russy, Trustee of the S.U.N.Y. system will speak on "The State of Higher Education in the U.S.: A Catholic Critique." Also speaking that day will be Professor Gerard Bradley of the University of Notre Dame Law School; he will speak on "Providing and Securing a Catholic Higher Education Today: Some Suggestions."

On March 29, Catholic League president Dr. William Donohue will discuss "The Contemporary Importance of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights." The conference will end with an address by Bishop William Murphy of the Diocese of Rockville Centre; he will speak on "The Contemporary Relevance of *Rerum Novarum*."

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