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Fall 2012 Program

Tuesday, October 30–Thursday, November 1, 2012

All events are free and open to the public

Each session will be held in the

University Center–Conference Room A
IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD... AS WE KNOW IT

Some believe that the Mayan calendar predicts the end of the world as occurring in December of 2012. While there is no scientific basis for this prediction—with many believing, with the Mayan elders, that we are merely on the cusp of a new cycle of time—it raises interesting philosophical questions. What if the world were to end in a few months? What would we do differently? Or, how would we react with a renewed vigor to mitigate many of the concerns that could potentially lead to our downfall? This program explores how we, as members of a Maristian university, are called to respond to the current problems with an urgency we would feel if we could prevent the world from coming to an end.

Tuesday, October 30, 2012

9:45 am

Invocation
Rev. Rudy Vela, SM, DMin, Vice President, Mission and Identity, St. Mary’s University

9:45 am–11:00 am

The End in Mind: Doomsday Predictions
Speakers
Grace Keyes, PhD, Sociology, St. Mary’s University
William D. Buhrman, PhD, Theology, St. Mary’s University
Robert Skipper, PhD, Philosophy, St. Mary’s University
Moderator
Miles Lilly, Philosophy student, St. Mary’s University, PPC

11:10 am–12:25 pm

End of the World: Armed Conflict
Speakers
Larry Hufford, PhD, International Relations, St. Mary’s University
Susan Ives, Communications Director, SA peaceCENTER
Moderator
Thomas Mengler, JD, President, St. Mary’s University

12:35 pm–1:50 pm

End of the World: Global Warming
Speakers
Patricia Britton, MBA, JD, Accounting, St. Mary’s University
Irene Quesnot, MA, Minister for Faith Formation and Enrichment, St. Mary’s University, PPC
Moderator
Winston Erevelles, PhD, Dean, Science, Engineering, and Technology, St. Mary’s University

6:30 pm

Renewal of the World: Students Taking Action
Speakers
Kevin Matula, Student Development Chair, Student Government Association, St. Mary’s University
Brian Buchmeyer, Student Intern, Vital Ministries, St. Mary’s University
Tanairi Ochoa, President, University Programming Council, St. Mary’s University
Marrah Moreland, Committee Chair, Rattlers for Life, St. Mary’s University
Cheyenne Palmer, Criminology student, St. Mary’s University, PPC

Wednesday, October 31, 2012

9:20 am–10:10 am

End of the World: Water Wars and the Fight for Resources
Speakers
Geary Schindel, Chief Technical Officer, Edwards Aquifer District
John Donahue, PhD, Professor Emeritus, Trinity University
Moderator
Maria Fernanda, Economics student, St. Mary’s University, PPC

10:20 am–11:10 am

End of the World: Digital Dependency and Cyber-Security
Speakers
Noah Powers, CISSP, Lead Test Analyst, BAE Systems
Greg Stone, Senior Solution Architect, Futurex
Moderator
Marcy LaBossier, Civic Engagement Coordinator, Civic Engagement and Career Development Center, St. Mary’s University, PPC

11:20 am–12:10 pm

End of the World: Immigration and Culture Conflict
Speakers
Michael Sullivan, PhD, International Relations, St. Mary’s University
Jorge Valadez, PhD, Philosophy, Our Lady of the Lake University
Jessica Cohen, PhD, Sociology, St Mary’s University, PPC
Moderator

12:20 pm–1:35 pm

End of the World: Censorship and Silence
Speakers
Bryce Milligan, Author and Publisher, Wings Press
Barbara Renaud González, Author
Diane González Bertrand, Writer in Residence, St. Mary’s University
Jorgina Villegas, Biology student, St. Mary’s University, PPC

Thursday, November 1, 2012

9:45 am–11:00 am

Speakers
Patrick Duffy, Director of Life, Peace, and Justice, Archdiocese of San Antonio
Lucy Burton, Director of Source of Life Center (SoL Center), University Presbyterian Church
Moderator
Christian Ekleberry, International Relations graduate student, St. Mary’s University, PPC

2:00 pm–3:15 pm

Renewal of the World: Hope and Love in Action
Speakers
Tom Keene, Professor Emeritus, Our Lady of the Lake University
John Markey, OP, PhD, Oblate School of Theology
Patricia S. Castillo, L.M.S.W. of the P.E.A.C.E. Initiative
Moderator
Kendrick Vela, International Relations student, St. Mary’s University, PPC