

CALL FOR PAPERS
AMERICAN JACQUES MARITAIN ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

35TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL MEETING

OCTOBER 13-15, 2011 – NOTRE DAME, IN.

**“RANSOMING THE TIME: HUMAN NATURE,
EARTHLY DESTINY, AND CHRISTIAN WISDOM.”**

LOCATION: NOTRE DAME, IN. AND ST. MARY’S COLLEGE

AMA president: John G. Trapani, Jr.

Program Committee: Gavin Colvert (Chair), Bill Haggerty, John Hittinger, and John Trapani

The American Maritain Association invites proposals for papers to be delivered at its 35th annual international conference to be held in Notre Dame, IN, Thursday – Saturday, October 13-15, 2011.

This year’s conference theme is **“Ransoming the Time: Human Nature, Earthly Destiny, and Christian Wisdom,”** which is a reference to Jacques Maritain’s 1941 book, a hidden treasure of the same name which Jacques dedicated to his beloved Raissa. While papers may be on any topic of philosophical merit, conference participants are encouraged to examine this book and reflect on the vast range of topics indicated by the titles of the essays in it. In his Foreword, Maritain says the following: “The topics treated in this book seem extremely diverse. Yet the subject-matter is but one: man in his cultural life and in the complex patterns of his earthly destiny. And the essential theme also is one: human conflicts and antinomies can be over-come and reconciled only if first they are perceived in their full dimensions, and if they are viewed in the ontological perspectives of Christian wisdom.” Check out this rich little volume; there are so many wonderful essays in it and they suggest a wide variety of topics and themes for very provocative papers and discussions.

Paper presentations at the conference should be limited to 25 minutes reading time, with 15 minutes for discussion. To submit an electronic proposal abstract of approximately 500 words, please visit: <http://maritain.veritasprima.org>. In order to receive full consideration, proposals should be completed online by no later than **Friday, July 8th 2011**. Questions regarding the submission of proposals should be directed to the Program Chair: Dr. Gavin Colvert, Associate Professor, Philosophy Department, Assumption College, 500 Salisbury St., Worcester, MA 01609. gcolvert@assumption.edu In addition, the AMA extends an invitation to societies or individuals interested in organizing a satellite session for the 2010 conference. Complete details regarding the submission of satellite session proposals are available at the web address indicated above.

A special invitation is extended to graduate students. A stipend of \$250.00 will be awarded to the outstanding graduate student paper selected by the Program Committee. In order to be considered for this award, please indicate your interest when you submit your completed paper. The award recipient must be present at the conference; the stipend will be awarded at the AMA Awards Banquet.

The conference location is in Notre Dame, Indiana and at St. Mary’s College. We have comfortable, convenient, and **very affordable** hotel accommodations complete with full breakfast daily. Notre Bend, IN is accessible from the South Bend airport or right off the Indiana Toll Road (I-80). Full conference details, including our line-up of Plenary Speakers will be forthcoming!