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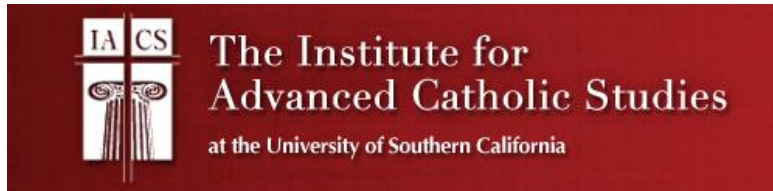
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CRRRA All Member Meeting
June 25-26, 2012
Anaheim, CA

Agenda

- Welcome - Janice Welburn, Marquette University, chair, Board of Directors
- The CRRRA Strategic Plan: priorities and goals for next year - Pat Lawton, CRRRA, moderator
- Catholic Studies and Challenges Facing Catholic educators – Rev. James Heft, S.M., President, Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at the University of Southern California and Member, CRRRA Leadership Council
- You and CRRRA – Fran Rice, University of Dayton, moderator

Rev. James Heft, S.M., is an early supporter of the CRRRA mission and one of the first Catholic leaders to join the CRRRA Leadership Council. He is well known in Catholic higher education and in 2011, was honored with the Theodore Hesburgh Award for long and distinguished service. He served on the board of the American Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU), including a term as chair. He spent many years at the University of Dayton, serving as chair of the Theology Department, Provost, and then Chancellor for a decade. He left in 2006 to found the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies (IACS) at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, where he now serves as Alton Brooks Professor of Religion and President of the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies. Father Heft has written and edited 11 books and written more than 150 articles and book chapters. Most recently he edited *Passing on the Faith: Transforming Traditions for the Next Generation of Jews, Christians and Muslims* (Fordham University Press, 2006); and *Intellectual Humility among Jews, Christians and Muslims* (Oxford, 2011), and co-edited *Engineering and the Catholic University* (Notre Dame Press, 2011). He has recently finished writing *Catholic High Schools: Facing the New Realities* (Oxford, 2011), in which he confronts three major changes facing Catholic educators: the shift to primarily lay leadership and staffs, the change in the general culture to pervasive consumerism and therapeutic attitudes, and the power of the new social networks on adolescents. He is now working on a book on the mission of Catholic colleges and universities. You can find out more about how the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies engages in Catholic Studies and if you wish, sign up for email announcements.



IACS (Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies) <<http://www.ifacs.com/>>

Mission:

The Institute conducts research on key issues facing society to help move the Church thoughtfully into the 21st Century. Ignorance of religions and their power leads to bigotry and prejudice, and sometimes leads, tragically, to violence. Rooted firmly in Catholic tradition and thought, and dedicated to ecumenism and interreligious dialogue, the Institute meets critical needs in the world today.

Aims:

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