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SYMPOSIUM

**FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SOCIETY OF
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SCIENTISTS MEETING**

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More than 400 people from around the world attended the Society of Catholic Social Scientists' fifteenth annual meeting, hosted by the St. John's University School of Law on Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27, 2007. Over 200 speakers on more than seventy panels addressed a wide range of topics pertinent to the Catholic Church's social teaching.

Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens, was the main celebrant and homilist at the opening Mass, with more than a dozen priests concelebrating.

Dr. William A. Donohue, President of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, speaking on "Uncommon Alliance: Religious Conservatives Unite," and Rev. Richard John Neuhaus, Editor of *First Things* and author of *The Naked Public Square*, speaking on "The Role of the Catholic Public Intellectual," were featured speakers.

Archbishop Charles Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. of Denver, presented "Church and State Today: What Belongs to Caesar and What Does Not." The *Journal of Catholic Legal Studies* is especially honored to publish Archbishop Chaput's paper, as the centerpiece of this Symposium issue dedicated to major papers presented at this landmark conference.

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