

Being prophetic in a secular society: A new call?!



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Introduction

Monastic Pastoral Care is an ecumenical project that focuses on the question: 'Where and how can both (centuries-old) religious institutions and new movements that are inspired by religious traditions respond to the spiritual needs of contemporary people and society?'

On the one hand, this project has included fieldwork. The many visits and interviews conducted give a good view of the situation of religious life today in Germany, the Netherlands, and Flanders. On the other hand, there is also an academic component on the challenges for religious life in the present and coming decades.

We are organising a day of academic reflection on (broad and ecumenical) religious life today and its pastoral significance for contemporary people and society. Two main speakers will give their answers to the original question of this project: What are spiritual needs and how can the religious respond to them? The afternoon programme will treat some themes that challenge the religious life: the sacred place, communication in/with the contemporary world, forming a community in a diverse world and religious life as living in God's creation. We invite you to reflect with us on these challenges for the religious life of faith today.

Programme

- 10:00 Welcome, coffee/tea
- 10:15 Introduction to the day (Dr. Lea Verstricht)
- 10:30 Spiritual and pastoral needs in changing times (Sr. Nicole Grochowina)
- 11:30 Break
- 11:45 What does it mean to be prophetic in our world? (Dr. Sr. Catherine Droste)
- 12:30 lunch and meeting time
- 1:30 On buildings and sacred places. Where is religious life situated? (Tom Callebaut)
- 2:15 3 short lectures followed by debate
Faith communication (Dr. Anna Neumaier)
Community in diversity in an individualized world (Dr. Sake Stoppels)
Being present in the world as the Creation of God (Dr. Jan Jorrit Hasselaars)
- 4:00 Summary and challenges for the future (Prof. Wim Vandewiele)
- 4:15 Acknowledgements and Drinks.

Speakers

Tom Callebaut

Tom Callebaut (b. 1971) is an interior architect. He is affiliated with the faculty of architecture, KU Leuven, and has his own interior design office, 'tc plus'. 'tc plus' has wide experience in designing sacred spaces, both within the existing traditional religious heritage and in new contexts, and connecting spaces, in both public and private contexts. Callebaut is convinced that we have sufficient knowledge, experience and resources to make this planet a fantastic place for everyone!

Dr. Sr. Catherine Joseph Droste OP

Dr. Sr. Catherine Joseph Droste OP is originally from Iowa (USA), and a Dominican Sister of the Congregation of St. Cecilia, Nashville, Tennessee. She is a professor of dogmatics at the Angelicum (Rome), where, until recently, she was vice-dean of the Faculty of Theology. She also has a Bachelor's degree in history, a Master's degree in history, and a Master's degree in educational administration. She currently teaches moral theology at the Angelicum and serves as Director of Collaboration with other academic institutions both within the Dominican Order and outside it.

Sr. Nicole Grochowina

Sr. Nicole Grochowina is a historian and sister of the evangelical Fraternity of Christ (Selbitz, Germany). She teaches early modern history and church history at the University of Erlangen/Nuremberg and is a member of several ecumenical networks of Christian movements and communities and orders.
<https://www.theologie.fau.de/institut-kg-landing/kg-2-neu/pd-dr-nicole-grochowina/>

Dr. Jan Jorrit Hasselaar

Dr. Jan Jorrit Hasselaar is an economist and theologian. His dissertation is called A Hopeful Response to Climate Change: Public Theology and Economics in Interaction on Radical Uncertainty. He is a research staff member of the Dominican Study Centre for Theology and Society in the Netherlands and coordinates the Amsterdam Centre for Religion and Sustainable Development (VU).

Dr. Anna Neumaier

Dr. Anna Neumaier is the coordinator of the Kompetenzzentrum Digitale Religiöse Kommunikation and is Secretary-General of the Deutschen Vereinigung für Religionswissenschaft. She is a researcher at the Zentrum für Angewandte Pastoralforshung in Bochum, Ruhr-Universität.

Dr. Sake Stoppels

Dr. Sake Stoppels is a lecturer in theology at the Christian University of Applied Sciences Ede (CHE) and policy officer at the Protestant Church in the Netherlands (PKN). In both positions, he focuses on pioneering and other manifestations of church renewal. His research project in Ede is 'Zingeving in nieuwe geloofsgemeenschappen' ('Giving meaning in new faith communities') with a focus on the theological profile of new faith communities.

Speakers

Dr. Wim Vandewiele

Dr. Wim Vandewiele is a Belgian sociologist and a social and cultural anthropologist, assistant professor of the Faculty of Theology and Religious studies (KU Leuven). He is a member of the Research Unit Pastoral and Empirical Theology and holds the 'Father Léon de Foere Chair'

Dr. Lea Verstricht

Dr. Lea Verstricht is a theologian and researcher at KU Leuven on Monastic Pastoral Care and in the diocese in Antwerp on Religion in the City. She has coached several religious orders.



Practical information

When?

29 November 2019
from 10:00 – 16:30

Where?

Maastricht (NL)
Zusters onder de bogen -
Sint-Servaasklooster 14
www.zustersonderdebogen.nl
<https://cbsisters.net/gb/>



How to reach us:

By train: a 20-minute walk from Maastricht Station
By car: parking available in one of the parking garages in the city or at the P+R service at the train station, or in Maastricht Noord (beatrixhaven)
www.parkeren-maastricht.nl

Cost:

€ 15.00
includes lunch.

Partners:



You can register via this link:
www.knr.nl/meeting

On Saturday, 30 November, the St. Janskerk in Maastricht will host a broad encounter day called Geloven in verandering – religieus leven (Believing in Change – Religious Life). This day will signal the end of the project Monastic Pastoral Care. If you wish to stay the night, you can partake of the evening meal in the monastery at Wittem (€ 15). More information and a registration form can be found at this link:
www.knr.nl/congres

