Friday November 7th

9:00 Opening Session and Welcome
   a) Rev. Mark Bosco, S.J., Director, The Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage
   b) Provost John Pelissero, Loyola University Chicago
   c) Dr. Tom Regan, S.J., Dean of College of Arts and Sciences, LUC
   d) Mr. Bernard Méndez-Lugo, Director of Immigration Affairs, Consulate General of Mexico.

9:30-11:00 Session A: Early Mexican Presence in Chicago/The Midwest
   a) Dr. Anne M. Martínez, University of Groningen (The Netherlands)
   b) Dr. Debora Kanter, Albion College
   c) Dr. Gabriela F. Arredondo, UC Santa Cruz
   Moderator: Dr. Dina Berger, Director Latin American Studies, LUC

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-12:30 Plenary: Mexican American Chicago Writer, Luis Alberto Urrea
   Moderator: Dr. Héctor García, Loyola University Chicago

Luis Alberto Urrea is a 2005 Pulitzer Prize finalist for non-fiction and member of the Latino Literature Hall of Fame. He is a prolific and acclaimed writer who has used his dual-culture life border experiences to explore the complex and interconnected Mexican-US American reality. The critically acclaimed and best-selling Mexican-born author of 13 books, Urrea has won numerous awards for his poetry, fiction and essays.

12:30pm Lunch @ Damen Hall for all guests registered for the conference

2:30-3:45 Session B: Chicago Mexican Parishes
   a) Chicago’s 1st Mexican Church, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish: Malachy McCarthy, Claretian Missionaries Archivist and President of the Chicago Area Religious Archivists (CARA)
   b) St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Maxwell Street): Rev. Donald J. Nevins, former Pastor
   c) Saint Pius (Pilsen): Rev. Charles Dahm, Pastor Emeritus
   d) Auxiliary Chicago Bishop John R. Manz, Vicariate IV of the archdiocese
   Moderator: Dr. Héctor García, Loyola University Chicago

3:45-4:00 Break

4:00-5:30 Plenary: María Hinojosa, Mexican-American and Chicago native, Anchor-Producer
   Latino USA; DePaul University’s Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz Chair
   Galvin Auditorium, Sullivan Center, Lake Shore Campus
   Discussant + Q&A: Dr. Héctor García, LUC

Maria Hinojosa is an award-winning news anchor and reporter for PBS and NPR. She is anchor of her own Emmy Award-winning talk show One on One with Maria Hinojosa from WGBH/La Plaza. Hinojosa has won top honors in
US American journalism including four Emmy Awards, the Robert F. Kennedy Award for Reporting on the Disadvantaged, and the Overseas Press Club’s Edward R. Murrow Award for best documentary. She also serves as DePaul University’s Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz Chair.

6:00  **Prosecco Reception,** Piper Hall, Lake Shore Campus i
Celebration of Dr. Anne M. Martínez’s book *Catholic Borderlands: Mapping Catholicism into U.S. Empire, 1905-1935.*

**Saturday November 8th**

9:00 am  **Welcome and Café con galletas mexicanas** (pastries donated by Pastel Bakery)

9:15-10:45  **Session A: Popular Religiosity, Matriarchy, and the Virgen de Guadalupe**

a) Dr. Elaine A. Peña, George Washington University
b) Raymundo Salazar, Blogger, Parent and High School Teacher
c) Dr. Susana Cavallo, Dean of Faculty, The John Felice Rome Center, Loyola University
d) Rev. Marco Mercado, Archdiocese of Chicago, Office for Hispanic Catholics

**Moderator: Dr. Bernardita Llanos, Professor of Latin American Literatures, Chair of Modern Langs. and Lits., Brooklyn College**

10:45-11:00  Break

11:00-12:30  **Session B: Immigration, Transnationalism, and Cultural Identity**

a) Dr. Mark Kuczewski, Professor of Medical Ethics, LUMC
b) Dr. Myrna García, University of Indiana-Bloomington
c) JoAnn Persch, R.S.M., Peace and Justice Coordinator,
d) Dr. Ruth Gomberg-Muñoz, LUC

**Moderator: Dr. Martín Ponti, Professor of Spanish and Latin American Cultural Studies, LUC**

12:30pm  Lunch @ Damen Hall for all guests registered for the conference

2:00-2:20  **Interlude: Music honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Javier José Mendoza, Chicago Arts Orchestra

*Javier José Mendoza is the Music Director and Conductor of Chicago Arts Orchestra. Under Mendoza’s direction the CAO has actively been unearthing and re-debuting forgotten works from 18th-century New Spain and re-premiering pieces from archives in México, Guatemala, and Spain. CAO has consistently been named a “Critics Pick “by Time Out Chicago and a “Recommend” by the Chicago Tribune.*

2:30-04:00  **Session C: Parish History and Mexican/Latin-American Vocation Stories**

a) Fr. Octavio Muñoz-Capetillo, Rector, *Casa Jesús*
b) Edin Barrera, S.J. and Marcos Gonzales, S.J., Jesuit First Studies M.A. Program, LUC
c) Gary Riebe Estrella, SVD, Dean Emeritus, Chicago Theological Union
d) Deacon Pablo Pérez, Saint Bede Parish,
e) Ms. María R. Godinez, parish acolyte
Moderator: Kevin Flaherty S.J., Superior of the Jesuit First Studies Program, LUC

4:00-4:15 Break

4:15-5:30 Session D: Chicago Mexican Catholicism for the 21st Century: Perspectives from Loyola Students
a) DREAMer, Carlos Robles 2014, B.A., LUC, graduate student in Public Policy and Spanish
b) LUC Undergraduate students: Gustavo Arreguín Mendoza; Maríana Chávez; Adriana Robles; Laura Bedolla; Flavio Bravo
c) Cristo Rey Graduates at LUC: Lorena Pedroza; Adriana Robles; Daniela Cuevas; Jesse Meza; Gabriela Coronado
Moderator: Pablo Vega, S.J., Teacher, Cristo Rey High School

5:30pm Concluding Remarks
Rev. Mark Bosco, S.J.
Dr. Héctor García

6:00pm Sacred Liturgy in celebration of Mexican-American Heritage
Musical accompaniment, Cuerdas clásicas Ensemble
Madonna della Strada Chapel
Celebrant: Rev. Kevin Flaherty S.J., LUC