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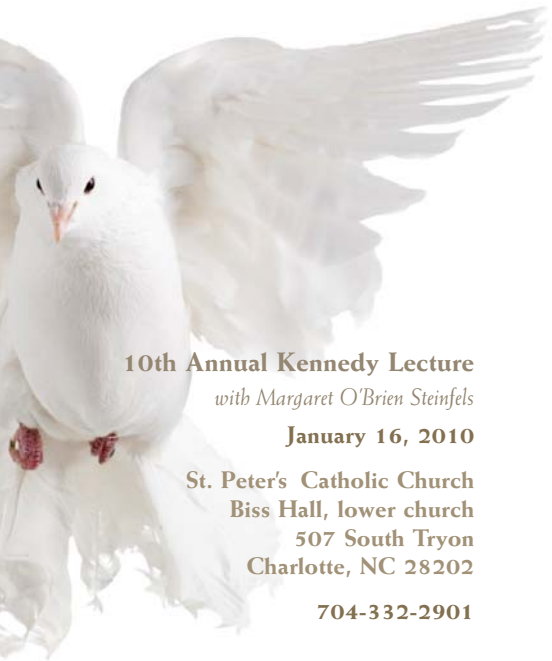
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Margaret O'Brien Steinfels

Co-Director of Fordham University
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will discuss these topics and more:

- What can history tell us about the 21st century Church in America and how we got to where we are now?
- How do we develop our faith in a 21st century world of new influences?
- How will Catholics contribute to the public discourse?
- What do we want to pass on to the next generation of Catholics?

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About The Topic

THIS LECTURE WILL ADDRESS the question of the future of the Church in America.

During most of the 20th century Catholics lived in a world of their own. The web of Catholic parishes and schools, of friends, neighbors, and relatives that created and maintained that world no longer exists. Assimilation, upward mobility, and education have diminished the strength of that network.

THE QUESTION THEN is how does one pass on the tradition to future generations in the absence of this tight-knit world. What is important here? What has been lost? What has been gained? Is episcopal authority still effective?



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About The Speaker

MARGARET O'BRIEN STEINFELS is the founding co-director of the Fordham University Center on Religion and Culture, a role she has held since the Center's founding in 2004. Prior to joining Fordham, she served for 15 years as editor of *Commonweal*, an independent biweekly journal of political, religious, and literary opinion edited by Catholic lay people. She also co-directed "American Catholics in the Public Square," a three-year project funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts.



An accomplished editor and author, she has written on a variety of subjects from the politics of Serbia to the politics of domestic policy.

Her work has appeared in *America*, *Dissent*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Miami Herald*, *The New Republic*, *The New York Times*, *Slate Magazine*, and the *Washington Post Book Review*. She is the author of *Who's Minding the Children? The History and Politics of Day Care in America*.

Ms. Steinfels holds a bachelor's degree in history from Loyola University in Chicago and a master's degree in history from New York University; she is also the recipient of seven honorary degrees. She was awarded the Laetare Medal from the University of Notre Dame and the Marianist Award from the University of Dayton in 2003.

Ms. Steinfels is married and has two children and two grandchildren, all of whom live in New York City.

About The Series

THE KENNEDY LECTURE SERIES

is the gift of Thomas and Richard Kennedy in honor of their parents, the late Keith and Joan Kennedy. Joan and Keith were very active in parish life from the time that the Jesuits first came to St. Peter's.



In addition to numerous good works, they helped structure the present form of governance for the parish and introduced the idea of parish assemblies. This series is a tribute to their faith and dedication to St. Peter's.

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9:00 – 9:30 am
COFFEE & REGISTRATION
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LECTURE

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