

The Boisi Center co-hosted the largest-ever meeting of bishops and theologians on a Catholic college campus on March 3-4. With Loyola University Chicago's Hank

Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage and Fordham University's Center on Religion and Culture, Boisi welcomed 32 cardinals, archbishops, and bishops—along with 38 theologians and journalists—

## SUMMER PLANS: UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWS

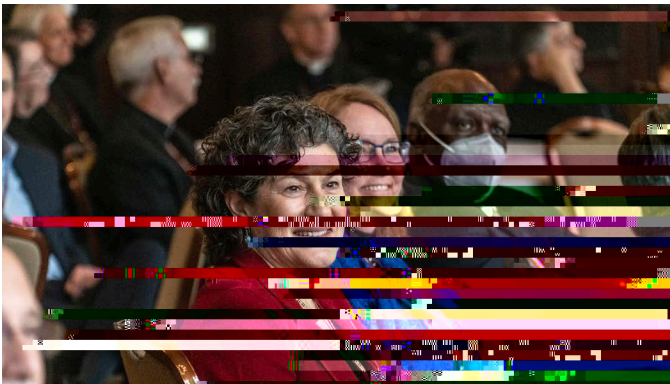
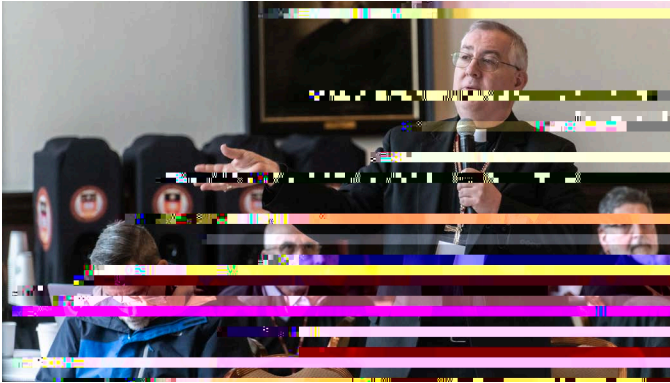
This semester, Emily Carey received a grant from BC's Fel-



years and remain relatively faithless until they have children—and then must confront the role they want religion to play in their childrens' lives. During this time apart from religion, Americans' political beliefs mold and take shape; ergo, when

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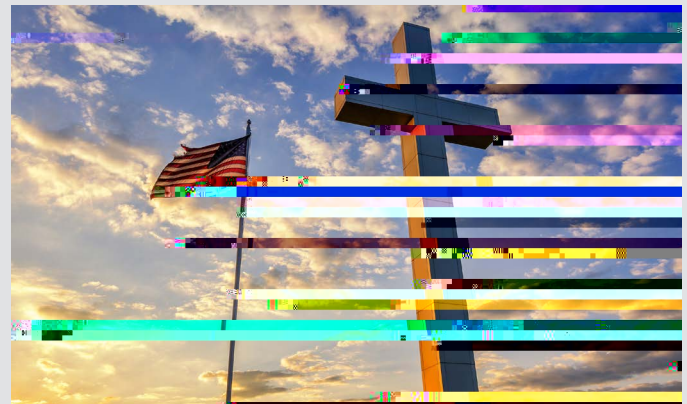
### THE WAY FORWARD: POPE FRANCIS, VATICAN II, AND SYNODALITY



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### SPRING FACULTY SEMINAR: RELIGIOUS NATIONALISM

This spring, the Boisi Center's interdisciplinary faculty seminar focused on "Religious Nationalism." It was a broad-ranging series of monthly discussions that read about Israeli settlement in the occupied territories as well as social scientific studies of Americans who join Christian nationalist groups. The rotating convener model worked superbly in getting members from various departments at BC to consider these issues from their own field of study (sociology, philosophy, history, nursing, theology, etc.). We were a smart but disparate group, but the point on which we all agreed was that the night we argued over ziti with chicken and asparagus was a high point for our dining experience.



On Tuesday, March 21, Emma McDon-  
ald, a doctoral candidate in theological

## CAPITOL CONGREGATIONS

Retired Episcopal priest, Richard Burnett, offered some reflections on the role of the congregations in close proximity to the nation's statehouses.

On March 29, the Boisi Center hosted Rev. Richard Burnett, the retired rector (1997-2021) of Trinity Episcopal Church, for an engaging lunch discussion. Trinity Episcopal Church is located on Capitol Square in Columbus, Ohio. Drawing from his experience at this “capitol



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