



The Servi Institute joyfully presents its inaugural conference

THE URBAN VILLAGE

From Cloud-Castles to Blueprints

October 19-20, 2018

Join the Discussion with our Invited Panel!

- Dr. Steve Schuler (University of Mobile, *The Literary Workshop*)
- Dr. Bethany Hebbard (Community First Village, *Wisdom's Workshop*)
- Sr. Maria of the Trinity (Gospel of Life Disciples & Dwellings)

Tell us how Work, Pray, and Study intersect for you.

Now seeking both academic and practical presentations. Submit proposals of 150-500 words to weserve@serviokc.org, please!

Deadline for proposals is July 15th, 2018.

Venue: Catholic Charities, 1232 North Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City

Registration: \$50 per person (go to serviokc.org/register for details)

So everyone can make a living, and know what living's worth.



CALL FOR PAPERS

In a 2017 article tracing the modern Catholic account of marriage, regime, and Church, Russell Hittinger describes a “scenario from below” for the “demise” of these institutions. When we seek to use political power to create “the ‘liberal’ utopia,” “the three necessary societies are reduced, in Leo [XIII]’s words, ‘to the genus of commercial contracts, which can rightly be revoked by the will of those who made them.’” In such a world, every human promise is worth only the power required to break it.

Many of us are persuaded that this “scenario from below” describes our culture, today. Americans from all backgrounds and stations of life, of various faiths or professing none, suffer growing disaffection and dislocation. Institutions bound together by realities invisible to the dominant culture encounter increasing hostility and antagonism, or blandly accede to their own elimination. These conditions drive interest in works such as Rod Dreher’s *The Benedict Option* and John Senior’s *The Restoration of Christian Culture*, which contemplate immediate responses but also urge us to play the “long game” in our families and neighborhoods.

The Servi Institute therefore issues a creative challenge to our friends and neighbors: How do we build “The Urban Village”? How do we move “from cloud-castles to blueprints”?



ABOUT THE SERVI INSTITUTE

The Servi Institute exists to promote what we believe is one key component of that “next step” toward a faithful, durable, hospitable way of living in families and neighborhoods united by religious faith and a shared conception of the common good. By promoting the integration of the Liberal Arts and the Practical Arts in the Catholic tradition in Oklahoma, we hope to help parents, educators, and communities uncover and explain the “map” of a free human being’s life in a free society that every generation needs to pass on to the next, while also ensuring that each learns hands-on, face-to-face trade skills that meet basic human needs, provide for families, and secure the goods of life, liberty and leisure to each and all. In short, we believe that every person should reach adulthood able not just to earn a living, but to know what living’s worth.