The Jesuit History Research Group presents

THE JESUIT POPE:
FRANCIS AND THE HERMENEUTIC OF MERCY

A cry of wonder and gratitude for the merciful love of God made known in and through the salvific work of Christ, is a point of exercise in the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola. It is a glimpse of the awesome totality of God’s mercy and at the same time the very particular love of the Creator for a person. With this experience comes a new horizon rooted in the foundation of God’s merciful love. This experience, this “personal encounter which touched my heart and gave direction and new meaning to my existence” is how Pope Francis described what was a profound experience of making a confession as a teenager.

Dr. Goulding's presentation will draw from her recent monograph, Pope Francis and the Dynamic Hermeneutic of Mercy. It will seek to explore how Pope Francis has elevated the discourse on mercy espousing the principle of dialogue and employing the operative tool of discernment. In this way it is possible to trace a clear influence of the Spiritual Exercises, the result of his formation as a Jesuit and his experience as both a spiritual director and a professor of spiritual theology.

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26 March 2021, 10:00—11:30 a.m. EDT

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National Catholic Reporter, 18 April 2019. Pope Francis washes the feet of an inmate during a Holy Thursday celebration at Velletri Correctional Facility, 36 miles south of Rome. (CNS/Reuters/Vatican Media)

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