In the midst of the many challenges facing our nation and our communities of faith, we seek to live lives of faith and justice. In his Apostolic Constitution of 1990, Saint John Paul wrote, “A Catholic University, as any university, is immersed in human society... Imbed among its research activities, therefore, will be a study of serious contemporary problems in areas such as the dignity of human life, the promotion of justice for all, the quality of personal and family life, the protection of nature, the search for peace and political stability, a more just sharing in the world’s resources, and a new economic and political order that will better serve the human community at a national and international level.”

The theme of this year’s series, RENEWAL, is drawn from the prophecy of Isaiah. In Isaiah 40:31, the prophet declares, “But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

In the midst of the many challenges facing our nation and our communities of faith, we will be presented with opportunities to consider and evaluate where we find our hope and our direction for the future.

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Principal’s Lecture
SEPTEMBER 26
The Future of Truth and Reconciliation
SENATOR MURRAY SINCLAIR
Although the Truth and Reconciliation Commission has produced its report, much remains to be done to ensure that all Canadians understand and implement its recommendations. What is the current state of affairs and what can we anticipate moving forward?

OCTOBER 17
Showing Respect and Welcome to LGBT People in the Church
FATHER JAMES MARTIN, SJ
How can the Catholic Church truly treat LGBT people with the respect, compassion and sensitivity called for in the Catechism, and the love called for by Jesus? Martin engages us in a live interactive video conference.

Annual Christ the King Lecture
NOVEMBER 21
Believing in a Holy and Sinful Church
DR. BRIAN FLANAGAN
In the face of growing awareness of clerical sexual abuse and other systematic forms of malfeasance in the Catholic Church, many Catholics have swung from uncritical belief in the holiness of the Church to disappointed awareness of its deep sinfulness. Flanagan argues both sin and sanctity condition the nature of the Church until its fulfillment in the Reign of God. In our time and contexts, we need a more robust language of ecclesial sin in order to address our Church’s failings, and yet at the same time a sound ecclesiology will take account of a church that is sinful and holy.

JANUARY 23
That They May Be One
BISHOP LINDA NICHOLLS
In the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and amidst polarizations, both within Christian traditions and between us, how is Jesus’ prayer in John 17, that they may be one—being lived today? The current climate of polarization drives wedges within and between Christian communities. Are there signs of hope? From experience of parish and diocesan leadership and ecumenical dialogue, Bishop Nichols will explore the signs of hope for unity.

FEBRUARY 13
Jean Vanier: Uncovering the Legacy
DR. PAMELA CUSHING
Jean Vanier, the founder of L’Arche International, began his legacy by choosing to share community with two individuals. At the time of his death, L’Arche has grown to support 154 residential communities in 38 countries on five continents. Vanier’s legacy continues to emerge through the work of scholars and the community he inspired. Cushing will invite us to appreciate that legacy and consider the ongoing work of the Jean Vanier Research Centre at King’s.

MARCH 5
The Future of Religion in North America
RABBI LAURA DUHAN KAPLAN
We find ourselves in an increasingly secular and siloed culture at a time when we most need to foster understanding, dialogue and mutual purpose. This lecture and panel discussion will explore the use, misuse, and future of religious thought in North America through the lens of the three Abrahamic religions. Panelists include local leaders: Rabbi Catharine Clark, Imam Abd Alfatah Twakkal, and Father Jim Mockler.

MARCH 19
Resurrecting Church
SHANE CLAIBORNE
Amid the ruins of an abandoned cathedral where homeless families were living, Shane and his community caught a fresh vision of what it means to be the Body of Christ alive in the world. Let’s move beyond complacency about the Church we see, and let’s start becoming the Church we dream of.

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