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USJ Annual Buckley Lecture to Feature Archbishop Leonard T. Blair Speaking on “Understanding Pope Francis”

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (March 28, 2014) – The University of Saint Joseph’s 2014 Buckley Lecture for Religious Studies will feature The Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair, STD, Archbishop of Hartford, who will present “Bergolio Speaks: Understanding Pope Francis.” The lecture will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 10 in the Crystal Room, Mercy Hall, which is located on the University’s main campus at 1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford. The lecture is free and open to the public, although reservations are required.

The Bishop Blair was installed as Hartford’s fifth archbishop on December 16, 2013, having previously served as Bishop of Toledo. He was ordained to the priesthood in June 1976 following studies: at Sacred Heart Seminary College, Detroit; the North American College, Rome; and the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome. Bishop Blair holds a B.A. in History from Sacred Heart Seminary College; a bachelor’s of Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University; a licentiate in Theology with a specialization in Patristics and the History of Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University; and a doctorate in Theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum), Rome.

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