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THE CHURCH AS SACRAMENTAL BUILDING

~ WITH ~

Dr. Denis McNamara, PhD

While many are inclined to think of a church building as a merely neutral setting for liturgical rites, Dr. Denis R. McNamara will introduce the concept of "architectural theology" to the study of church design. His research reveals that liturgical art and architecture can play an active role in a worshipper's full and conscious participation in the liturgy by embodying the notions of fulfilled typologies of the Old Testament as well as the anticipated glory of Heaven.

Denis R. McNamara, Ph.D. is an architectural historian specializing in American church architecture. He is the assistant director at the Liturgical Institute of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake / Mundelein Seminary, and serves as a liturgical design consultant. Dr. McNamara is the author of numerous articles on art and architecture. His newest book, *Catholic Church Architecture and the Spirit of the Liturgy*, was released in December of 2009.



Join us for this evening lecture and learn how the classical tradition can be inculturated to blend with scriptural precedent to make church buildings which please the eye, engage with tradition, aid in liturgical participation, and delight the soul.

SATURDAY, MAY 1 @ 7:30 PM

Event Location:

**Saint Thomas á Beckett Catholic Church
1421 Wiehle Ave., Reston, VA 20190**

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