This day-long seminar engages and critiques, through various interdisciplinary lenses, the human project of “facing:” a primary way that human knowing of self and others takes place. How we face another: a person or a situation, what we see in such an encounter, often reveals more about the self than the other. If we are open and willing to probe beyond initial appearances, remarkable treasures may be unearthed. Naming obstacles and strengthening skills for relational growth will be provided from both scholarly and experiential perspectives. While this day leans in the direction of “for-giving,” as a desired outcome in facing another, other invitations to transformation may be the gift given and received.

Keynote Address:
“The Human Face As Icon: A Practical Philosophical and Theological Perspective”
Catherine T. Nerney, SSJ, Ph. D

Followed by a Powerful Encounter with “The Face to Face Project”
See how Artists, Surgeons and Parents respond to Children with cranio-facial problems.

Breakout sessions with:
Psychologists specializing in Empathy and Fears in Children
A Sociologist facing Women’s Place in the Church
Sisters of St Joseph Sharing their Welcome of Strangers – “Dear Neighbors” at our Borders
A Filmmaker’s perspective on Respecting and Celebrating Differences
A Lawyer & “Ordinary Christian” focuses on Sin & Scandal of the Church
Criminal Justice Students and Professor facing the “Incarcerated Other”
Overview of Day

8:30-9:00am: Registrations

9:00-9:15am: Welcome & Introductions

9:15-10:10: Keynote Address: 
The Human Face As Icon: A Practical Philosophical and Theological Perspective

10:10-10:25: Break

10:30-11:30am: “The Face to Face Project” as Gift and Challenge

11:40am-12:30pm: Breakout Session I

12:30-1:30pm: Lunch

1:45-2:35pm: Breakout Session II

2:35-2:50pm: Break

2:50-3:30pm: Table Conversations and Reflections on “Facing” & “the Face”

3:40-4:00pm: Closing Ritual (A Visual Prayer)

Breakout Sessions

A. Empathy: A Vehicle of Transport into Another’s Life-world (Scott Browning)

B. Facing the Church’s Sin: Karl Rahner & the Scandal of Sexual Abuse of Children in the Catholic Church (John Grogan)

C. Facing Fears on the Path to Forgiveness (Kelly Landman)

D. Facing the Stranger at our Border (Sisters of Saint Joseph Welcome Center)

E. Facing Differences: Beyond the Challenges of Mental Illness (Nick Wood)

F. Facing the Gendered Other: Women, Leadership, and the Church (Ryan Murphy)

G. Facing the Incarcerated: Seeing the Self and Other Anew (Lauren Barrow and students)

How to Register (COST $10 -- Limited scholarships available)

There are two ways to register for Facing Another:


2. Register by e-mail & pay at the door (cash or check only)

To do so, submit the following information to forgive@chc.edu by November 8th (for more information, call: 215-248-7099)

Name: ___________________________ E-mail: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________ ___________________________

* Please note your top 3 workshop preferences (A-G)*

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Ample free parking and handicap accessible

A boxed lunch will be provided.
Please indicate any dietary restrictions ___________________.