



**The Theology of Gratitude:
Convocation and Scholars Conference
with Diana Butler Bass**

**Bexley
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Join Us April 23-24, 2020 in Chicago

GRATITUDE has become a phenomenon in popular culture and is written about in books ranging from self-help to the Harvard Business Review. Scholarly engagement has developed primarily in the psychological community, which has demonstrated the correlation between gratitude and improvement in personal health and the development of strong, healthy relationships. There is far less scholarship arising within the theological community.

We seek to change this! Bexley Seabury Seminary Federation and the United Thank Offering are collaborating to host a Convocation and Scholars Conference on the Theology of Gratitude with Diana Butler Bass, April 23–24, 2020.

CONVOCATION SPEAKER: DIANA BUTLER BASS

Diana Butler Bass (Ph.D. Duke University) identifies two ways we define gratitude - as an exchange and as abundant grace given by God which we are called to share. She will open our conversations about gratitude as our keynote presenter on Thursday evening and will unpack ways that gratitude is a radical practice that we most need now. She is an award-winning author and internationally known public speaker and thought leader on issues of spirituality, religion, culture, and politics. Seminary Bookstore will have editions of her books available and she will sign them both days.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS ON GRATITUDE

Our conversations on gratitude will be expanded and enriched on Friday when six scholars from a wide ranging set of disciplines, generations, and cultural groups will present their diverse perspectives and experiences on "The Theology of Gratitude: Human Expressions While Living in a Complex World."

JOIN US

The Convocation and Scholars Conference will be held at **Saint James Commons**, home of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago at 65 East Huron, Chicago.

TWO-DAY SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2020

- 7:30 pm Convocation – Great Hall
- 8:30 pm Reception/Book Signing – Kyles Place

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2020

- 8:00 am Continental breakfast, Coffee/Tea, Juices - Great Hall
- 8:45 am Morning Prayer at Cathedral for those interested in participating
- 9:00 am Welcome/Opening Remarks
- 9:30 am Presentation 1
- 10:15 am Presentation 2
- 11:00 am Presentation 3
- 11:45 am Lunch - buffet/Book Signing – Kyles Place
- 12:10 pm Eucharist at Cathedral for those interested
- 1:00 pm Presentation 4
- 1:45 pm Presentation 5
- 2:30 pm Presentation 6
- 3:15 pm Responses to Papers/Themes and Closing Remarks
- 4:00 pm Concluding Blessing

There is no cost for Convocation; the Scholars Conference costs \$30 and includes lunch.

Please register here: <https://tinyurl.com/TheologyOfGratitude>

Contact Dr. Julie Lytle with any questions at jlytle@bexleyseabury.edu.