

# *North American Deans Conference*

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER  
ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA | MAY 2-5, 2019

ONE *Lord* ONE *Faith* ONE *Baptism*  
ONE GOD OF ALL

## *Featured Speakers*



The Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams  
Canon Theologian, Cathedral Church of St Peter  
Professor of Philosophy, University of South Florida



The Very Rev. Dr. John Shepherd  
Interim Director of the Anglican Center in Rome  
Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative  
to the Holy See

## **Thursday, May 2**

- 3 p.m. Registration opens at Cathedral Church of St. Peter (140 4<sup>th</sup> St N)
- 3:30 p.m. Optional Cathedral tour
- 4 p.m. Orientation for new members (Cathedral Chapter Room)
- 4 p.m. Presentation: Nancy Bryan, VP Editorial for Church Publishing
- 6 p.m. Choral Evensong at the Cathedral  
Officiant: The Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith, Bishop of the Diocese of Southwest Florida
- 7 p.m. Walk to dinner at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club (1/2 mile walk)  
11 Central Ave.

## **Friday, May 3**

- 7:30-8:45 a.m. Breakfast at the Cathedral
- 9 a.m. The Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams: "The Theory and Practice of the Seven Deadly Sins: A Seriously Scholarly -- and Very Wicked -- Examination of a Subject on Which All of Us Are Experts."
- 11:45 a.m. Depart Cathedral; Walk to the Salvador Dali Museum (1 mile walk)  
1 Dali Blvd. (First Street SE at Fifth Avenue S)
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch at the Dali Museum  
Presentation by luncheon sponsor, the Saint Francis Foundation  
Comments by Hank Hine, director of the Dali Museum  
\*While we are all gathered at the Dali Museum, we will take our annual group photograph\*
- 1:30-3:30 p.m. Docent-led tour of the Dali Museum
- Until 6:30 p.m. Time on your own: Explore our downtown waterfront, stop for a cold drink or a gelato, shop, relax at the hotel, enjoy the sunshine
- 6:30-9 p.m. Dinner at the Cathedral: Floribbean Night! Sip and sample the best of our tropical/seaside/Cuban cuisine. Enjoy the samba and salsa sounds of a Latin trio. Dress is relaxed (leave your collar at the hotel).

## **Saturday, May 4**

- 7:30-8:45a.m. Breakfast at the Cathedral
- 9-11 a.m. The Very Rev. John Shepherd: “Anglicanism, Roman Catholicism, and Christian Unity in the Early 21st Century: Living Transparently in Our Diversity, Finding Common Ground”
- 11:45 a.m.-noon Business meeting
- Noon onward Afternoon and evening on your own. Enjoy our recreational, sports, and arts opportunities ... warm up at the beach from a long, cold winter ... gather with friends old and new for dinner ...take a horse-drawn carriage ride along the downtown waterfront.
- 12:15 p.m. Canadian Deans’ meeting

## **Sunday, May 5**

- Breakfast on your own
- 10:15 a.m. Worship at the Cathedral  
Preacher: The Very Rev. Kurt Dunkle, Dean and President of The General Theological Seminary
- 11:30 am Festive coffee hour in Harvard Hall

Farewells and see you next year at St. John’s Anglican Cathedral in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, hosted by The Very Reverend Paul Johnson.

## Meet Our Speakers

### **The Theory and Practice of the Seven Deadly Sins | The Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams**

*A seriously scholarly -- and very wicked -- examination of a subject on which all of us are experts.*

The Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams, canon theologian at St. Peter's Cathedral, is Professor of Philosophy at the University of South Florida. He has published widely on medieval philosophy and theology. His most recent work includes *The Cambridge Companion to Medieval Ethics* and a new translation of Augustine's *Confessions*.

He received a \$138,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to support his translation volume, *John Duns Scotus: Selected Readings in Ethics* (Oxford University Press, 2017).

Born in Memphis, TN, Canon Williams is a 1988 graduate of Vanderbilt University and earned a Ph.D. in philosophy from Notre Dame in 1994. Before coming to USF he taught at the University of Iowa, where he received the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Collegiate Teaching Award in 2005.

"I was brought up in Southern Baptist churches but was drawn into the Episcopal Church in high school," Canon Williams says. "Interesting fact: Inviting people to go to church with you actually works!"

A fine singer who performs with the Cathedral's Chamber Choir and an excellent pianist, Canon Williams began taking piano lessons at the age of four and became an organist "when I got to college, mainly because the campus Episcopal chapel needed an organist and, as a pianist, I was the closest thing available."

## **Anglicanism, Roman Catholicism, and Christian Unity in the Early 21st Century | The Very Rev. Dr. John Shepherd**

*Living Transparently in Our Diversity, Finding Common Ground*

The Very Rev. Dr. John Shepherd is the interim director of the Anglican Centre in Rome and the Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative to the Holy See.

From 1990 to 2014 he was the dean of St. George's Cathedral in Perth, Australia. He led a \$19-million capital campaign to restore the Cathedral and the old deanery and to create the Cadogan Song School, an architecturally stunning -- and prize-winning -- building that houses the Cathedral choirs and its music library (<https://www.perthcathedral.org/About-Us/the-cadogan-song-school.html>).

The Cathedral's longest-serving dean, he invited Muslim and Buddhist speakers to the Cathedral, preached in a Catholic cathedral, and founded the theological study group Heretics Anonymous. He flew football and basketball team flags from the cathedral tower and hosted concerts, ballet and cabaret shows. He has lent public support to LGBT inclusion and marriage equality.

“I’ve been very keen to offer a faith for thinking Christians, encouraging people to turn the diamond and look at different ways of experiencing the divine, music, arts and architecture,” he said in a newspaper interview.

Dean Shepherd earned degrees from the University of Melbourne and the Australian College of Theology. He has a Master of Sacred Music degree from Union Theological Seminary, where he studied musicology and composition, including both serial and electronic, at Columbia University. His Ph.D. dissertation, from St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, studied the relationship between the theology and music of the English Reformation.

## **At Lunch on Friday**

### **St. Francis Ministries**

The Very Rev. David Hodges will speak on the work of Saint Francis Ministries and its fund-raising arm, the Saint Francis Foundation ([stfrancisfoundation.org](http://stfrancisfoundation.org)), our luncheon sponsor. Rooted in the Episcopal tradition and partnering with government agencies, Saint Francis Ministries supports children, youth and families, “doing everything possible to ensure that every child served gets a chance at a happy, fulfilling life.”

### **The Salvador Dali Museum**

The art of the Spanish surrealist Salvador Dali is so much more than the melting clocks you’ve seen on T-shirts and postcards. The architecturally stunning Dali Museum ([thedali.org](http://thedali.org)), in the shape of a double helix, houses the largest collection of Dali’s works outside Europe and is a destination for visitors from around the world.

At lunch, museum executive director Hank Hine will share his thoughts on how physical space — such as this unique museum — inspires and influences us. Then we’ll break up into smaller groups for docent-led tours. Learn what influenced Dali, as a faithful Roman Catholic, and see the religious-themed works that influenced others, including his masterwork, “The Ecumenical Council.” The current special exhibit, “Magritte & Dali,” shows how the world’s two most celebrated surrealists influenced each other. Outside, walk the labyrinth that overlooks Tampa Bay.