

LEADERSHIP FOR AMERICA SEMINAR 2014

MONDAY, JUNE 16 – SATURDAY, JUNE 21
Trumbull Manor – Novato, California

What About the Poor? --- A Challenge for All Times

Two thousand years ago Jesus spoke about the poor always being with us as he showed a preferential love for them. As it is obvious in every society, there are those who lack the bare necessities of food and shelter.

In his recent apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*, Pope Francis writes about the obligations that Christians have to the poor, and the duty to establish and maintain just economic, political, and legal orders. Francis says that the world "*can no longer trust in the unseen forces and the invisible hand of the market*". He calls for action "*beyond a simple welfare mentality*" and one that "*attack[s] the structural causes of inequality*." Refocusing society's priorities, he asks how "*it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points?*"

Responding to this challenge, the 2014 Leadership for America Seminar will explore some of the causes and possible solutions by examining these points:

- Who are the poor and needy and how did they come to be so?
- What is the best way to help them and who should get involved?
- Should the responsibility to assist them be with families? Communities? Governments? Corporations? Individuals? Or do they all have a part to play?
- To whom do the goods of the earth belong and who should decide on their distribution?
- Is there a preferred economic and political system for the care of the needy...Capitalism, Socialism, Communism, Monarchism?
- What do the philosophers say? What does history tell us? What does the Magisterium of the Church say?
- What is my personal responsibility in helping the needy?

FACULTY: Professor Ashton Ellis; Pepperdine University; Claremont Graduate University. + TBA

ELIGIBILITY: Motivated and academically successful high school boys entering their junior or senior year as well as those who are entering their freshman year of college. You must be recommended by one of the following :

**Tilden Study Center – Los Angeles
Garber House – Berkeley
Menlough Study Center - Menlo Park
Montlake Foundation - Seattle**

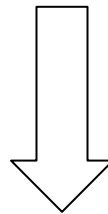
Cost: \$425 Payable to: TILDEN STUDY CENTER — Partial scholarships are available through your sponsoring center.

Admissions Procedure: Fill out the attached application form and mail it to the Tilden Study Center in Los Angeles. An interview may be required at the closest sponsoring center. All administrative paper work will be processed at Tilden.

For more information, please call Hank or Matt in Los Angeles at: (310) 208-0941 or your local sponsoring center.

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Application



Leadership for America Seminar – 2014 Application

Student Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Parents Names _____

Email (Family) _____ (Student) _____

Address _____

Entering Year in School _____ Average GPA _____

Mail with a \$425 check (Payable to: Tilden Study Center):

Leadership for America
Tilden Study Center
655 Levering Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024

Phone – (310) 208-0941

() I request a scholarship in the amount of _____.

Medical Authorization

My son, _____

is participating in the *Leadership for America Seminar*. I authorize the directing staff to arrange for emergency medical treatment should it become necessary.

My son is covered by medical insurance as described below:

Please indicate any allergies or other health factors, which should be known:

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____

Please print name _____

Parent Cell Phone _____