

The Renewal of Public Moral Discourse Project

*A project that addresses the impoverishment of our nation's political life,
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Although he may be best remembered today as the author of the famed “Serenity Prayer,” Reinhold Niebuhr remains one of the most influential public theologians of our time. Presidents from Barack Obama to Jimmy Carter have credited his impact on their thinking, as well as John McCain, countless historians, theologians, political thinkers, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who cited Niebuhr in his “Letter from a Birmingham Jail.”

Niebuhr rose from a small Midwest church pulpit to become the nation’s moral voice — an American conscience. His books, *Moral Man and Immoral Society* (1932), *The Nature and Destiny of Man* (1941–43) and *The Irony of American History* (1952), continue to influence theological and political thinking.

Please join us for a screening of the new Journey Films documentary

AN AMERICAN CONSCIENCE: THE REINHOLD NIEBUHR STORY

A Film by Martin Doblmeier

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Loyola University Chicago Damen Cinema

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

A panel discussion will be held after the screening with Martin Doblmeier and Loyola faculty Hille Haker, Susan Ross, and Sandra Sullivan-Dunbar and visiting scholar Robin Lovin

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Martin Doblmeier holds degrees in Religious Studies, Broadcast Journalism and honorary degrees in Fine Arts and Humane Letters. Since 1984 he has produced and directed more than 30 films focused on religion, faith and spirituality. Martin combines a lifelong interest in religion with a passion for storytelling. Over the years he has traveled on location to more than forty countries to profile numerous religious leaders, spiritual communities, heads of state and Nobel Laureates. His films explore how belief can lead individuals to extraordinary acts, how spirituality creates and sustains communities and how faith is lived in extraordinary ways.



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