Seminar: November 19th, 2013

Danny Bruns: Pope Francis admonishes people for continuing to push an agenda of violence. And even today we continue this history of conflict between brothers, even today we raise our hands against our brother. Even today, we let ourselves be guided by idols, by selfishness, by our own interests, and this attitude persists. We have perfected our weapons, our conscience has fallen asleep, and we have sharpened our ideas to justify ourselves. As if it were normal, we continue to sow destruction, pain, death! Violence and war lead only to death, they speak of death! Violence and war are the language of death!

* Mark Bugada: This makes you wonder: “Can we really have world peace?” We’ve always had war, we’ve always had disagreement.
* Danny: I’m probably not going to be in ROTC. Changing his mind… Physician’s assistant… government wouldn’t be in control of his life. I don’t like some of the stuff we’re involved in…
* Quincy: Because of *Loose Change*?
* Danny: I could help people in the army. Gave rationale…can help people more in the medical field.
* Evan Verrilli: Friend’s dream… wants to move to Africa to help in a small village by setting up an orphanage. She’s very conscious of the world around her.
* Quincy: White guilt…
* Evan: Much more of a Catholic thing…
* Quincy: Much stuff is happening in Cincinnati, would take less funds. How is an African child more important than a kid in Cincinnati?
* Zimmerman: Harder to change things here. People struggle with white guilt.
* Quincy: We have to acknowledge that the scales aren’t tipped evenly.
* Tyler Himes: Easier to do something once… more difficult to help with pervasive problems.
* Schlueter: People don’t want to see the problems in their own backyards.
* Danny Bruns: Shantytown sophomore year…
* Quincy: Sometimes we try to do grandiose things instead of doing everyday things..
* Verrilli…

Eble: Comment about peacemaking / service experiences, then question about being Catholic in a global environment and in a local environment at the same time

* Fritz: How do we respond to the Gospel calls?
* Zimmerman: Being Catholic, you also have to be practical…
* Quincy: Divide between Christianity and Catholicism… what are the truths, metaphors, stories we’re supposed to follow?
* Schlueter: Not going to give up my stuff…
* Quincy: Altruistic means devoted to others, not for selfish concerns.
* Schlueter: Altruism definition…
* Fritz: We’d all be priests…

Verrilli: Unconditional positive regard… Carl Rogers. Referenced Michael Shaffer talk.

* Tory: Spoke about Cain, Pope Francis
* Bugada: Going back to Shaffer’s talk… “Charity begins at home”
* Verrilli: Shaffer—you’ve got to start with yourself.
* Danny Bruns: Kairos, Love in Action talk… incorporating love into your relationships / everyday life. Unconditional love… not wanting something from the other person…
* Eble: Metaphor of water (slow drip versus waterfall)
* Zimmerman: Peace / war are commonly associated. The decisions of a few shed light on the rest of us (D.C. & the Middle East)
* Quincy: Possible for war to leave… but it would take a ton of effort on everyone’s part…

Eble: Cited paragraph 21 of Vowell about the Civil War as the perfect metaphor versus the idea of superordinate war…

* Schlueter: Disagree with the Emancipation Proclamation… (the point of disagreement between her and Nick)
* Verrilli: Extreme… superordinate goals… dissent, though, can very easily create an extreme of constant bickering. Healthy dissent… Otherwise, no progress…
* Schlueter: Mark said “conflict” before… armed conflict is different because you’re saying that people can’t talk—fighting is the only way.
* Quincy: Problem with our country today: The way we elect people, putting them in two different categories. We’re afraid of dissent… we’re afraid of people who disagree. We love poles! Part of it is financial, but people are dismissed as crazy or nuts. We have problems because of our two-party system.
* Verrilli: We agree…but…
* Quincy: If we just had people who stated claims instead of parties, government would be more effective.
* Zimmernan: Less would get done… two groups have trouble…
* Eble: Israel, different parties
* Schlueter: Tip O’Neil… difficult to get people in their own party to agree. Pigeonhole… sometimes, people dissent just to dissent.
* Eble: Who?
* Schlueter: Majority whips… reigning in the party?

Eble: Healthy balance of dissent and agreement?

* Quincy: Individuals voting versus coalitions…

A conversation followed about Danny Bruns’ choice to move away from ROTC.

Schlueter: Priest writing to Archbishop…

* Eble brought him up to speed…
* Quincy: Well-intentioned, but unrelated…
* Schlueter: Conundrum…
* Eble: How do we hate the game, not the player?
* Fritz: Connection with Westboro Baptist church…
* Eble: Can we be patriotic and faithful at the same time?
* Schlueter: American values… acceptance, reaching out…
* Eble: How do we honor two conflicting sets of values?
* Schlueter:
* Himes: How do we pay homage to