

# CALL FOR PAPERS

The Canadian Jacques Maritain Association  
Fall Symposium: November 2 & 3, 2007, Ottawa  
Saint Paul University & Dominican College

## Natural Law & Applied Ethics

Although everyone now talks about “applied ethics,” it still remains unclear as to what counts as a legitimate application of a particular ethical theory.

For instance, Saint Thomas states that the basic imperative of Natural Law is (roughly) “to do good and avoid evil.” But, what is this “good” and how do we know it? Moreover, one cannot generally “do good” but must act towards a specific good. So, what are these “goods” and how do we know them?

Aquinas’ views are but one part of the rich and enduring tradition of Natural Law. The goal of this conference is to examine the many facets of Natural Law and how it could provide us with concrete grounds for ethical behaviour.

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