



CROSSROADS CULTURAL CENTER

Who we are, our goal, our ideals, and where we operate

Crossroads Cultural Center was established in 2004 by some members of Communion and Liberation who shared an interest in the relationship between religion and culture. Crossroads seeks to explore the ways in which Christianity, by revealing the ultimate meaning of reality, gives new impulse to the human desire for knowledge.

Our goal is to offer opportunities for *education*, making it possible to look with openness, curiosity, and critical judgment at every aspect of reality.

Our ideals are summed up by the suggestion of Saint Paul "Test everything; retain what is good." In our experience, the mark of a Christian culture is that it fosters interest in the full spectrum of reality, rather than focusing on a predetermined set of "religious" issues. A sign of its authenticity is the ability, or at least the desire, to encounter people from all walks of life, and to look for and appreciate everything that is true, good, and worthwhile in the various expressions of human life. These expressions include science, the arts, politics, journalism and the media, theology, history, economy, sociology, and education. Such openness and desire are the fruit of the education received in the Roman Catholic Church.

Crossroads operates in New York, Austin, Boston, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, and Washington (DC).

What we mean by culture

Culture is a systematic and critical *awareness of reality*; it is the free development of our human need and capacity for knowing and interpreting everything in reality. Knowledge is a primary need of every person and not something that belongs to the "experts." Culture is an activity proper to every person, because nobody can live without constantly developing and communicating to others a certain *awareness of reality*. Human curiosity is stirred by wonder – you walk out your door and things are there; life is given, a new and unexpected event that awakens the desire to know its meaning. This focus on *reality as event* (and not on *ideas*) determines the style, method, and priority of our cultural work.

What we do

- We organize and sponsor conferences, panel discussion, lectures, and artistic performances, which fall under one of four categories: "Current Affairs" "Memory and Identity" "Face to Face with..." "Beauty Will Save the World".
- We maintain a blog ("Paper Clippings") for online discussion of magazine articles.
- We publish a quarterly e-mail newsletter ("Crossroads News").
- We make available to other organizations some of our presentations ("Crossroads on the Road").

Crossroads Snapshots

- Crossroads activities are supported by the work of over 40 dedicated volunteers
- Since its inception, Crossroads has sponsored over 250 public events with more than 350 renowned speakers from the US and abroad.
- Crossroad's quarterly e-newsletter has a circulation of more than 5,000 people
- Crossroad's advisory board is comprised of 20 members.
- Crossroads is a 501(c)(3) not-for profit corporation and can receive tax deductible donations

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- A complete list of all the past events and speakers with a photo archive
- Videos and transcripts of many conferences
- A list of suggested books (and where you can find the ones currently out of print)
- Paper Clippings and... much more!