



## **Michael F. Crowley Lecture Series**

**Dr. John F. Quinn**

**Thursday, January 8, 2009, 6:00 p.m.**

**La Forge Casino Restaurant  
186 Bellevue Avenue, Newport**

**The Museum's popular lecture series continues in the New Year with Dr. John F. Quinn, Professor and Department of History Chair at Salve Regina University.**

**Dr. Quinn's talk is entitled:**

### ***The Rise of Catholicism in Newport, 1880-1950***

**In 1800 there were scarcely any Catholics in Newport, but by the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century their numbers had risen dramatically, driven by immigration from Ireland. By 1880, the city's one Catholic parish had grown so large that it had to be divided. Over the next seven decades, the Catholic Church continued to expand its presence in Newport, with the establishment of two more parishes, several convents, four elementary schools, an orphanage, two rest homes, a retreat house and a college. Many of these establishments were housed in what had once been the mansions of the city's summer colonists. By 1950, Catholicism had become a dominant force in the City by the Sea.**

**JOHN F. QUINN received his Ph.D. in history from Notre Dame. He has been professor of history with Salve Regina since 1992, and is History Department Chair. A prolific writer, Dr. Quinn is the author of numerous articles, as well as the book *Father Mathew's Crusade: Temperance in Nineteenth Century Ireland and Irish-America* (U. of Mass. Press, 2002). His interests include Irish America, Modern Ireland, and American Religion and Ethnicity. He is an expert on Irish and Irish-American attitudes towards slavery in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Dr. Quinn's professional memberships include: American Catholic Historical Association, American Conference on Irish Studies, Irish American Cultural Institute, and Society of Catholic Social Scientists. This is Dr. Quinn's second speaking engagement with the Museum.**

**Following the lecture, a reception with light hors d'oeuvres will be held.**

**For reservations, please call Maria Carroll: (401) 846-8865**

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