

Philip Bess  
E. Michael Jones  
Milton Grenfell, Moderator  
Wednesday, February 13, 2008  
5:30 PM

NOTE: This is a panel discussion between Bess and Jones with Grenfell moderating.

### A Symposium on the Nature of Community

Within the New Urbanist critique of suburban sprawl is a growing interest in the role that religious communities might play in creating alternatives to sprawl. This symposium will explore fundamental questions about the nature of community by specifically examining building communities based on traditional Catholic teaching, and drawing on the Church's 2000 years of experience in community building. The symposium will feature two leading thinkers on this subject: Philip Bess and E. Michael Jones, PhD.

The symposium will begin with each author presenting a synopsis of their writings, which address the issue of Catholic community. Following these will be a period of dialogue between the authors, focusing on points of agreement and disagreement. Ample Q&A time will be allowed for substantive exchange with symposium audience members.