

## January 27, 2025 – Rise of Christian Nationalism



Fr. Charles Gallagher, S.J., an Associate Professor of History at B.C. for the past 12 years, will join us via Zoom from Marquette University, where he is currently in residence for the academic year, and from which he received his PhD.

This is time of unsettling politics and threatening ideologies imbedded in a cultural framework that advocates governmental policies aligned with a resurgence of Christian Nationalism. By the time we hear Fr. Gallagher on January 27, 2025, the 2024 election will have been decided, and the presidential inauguration a week in the past. No matter the outcome, the insights we will hear from Fr. Gallagher's unique presentation should sharpen our historical knowledge of tyranny in America, and wake us up to the theological distortions and "faith perverted," then, and now, that are anathema to Jesus's gospel of peace and reconciliation.

### Charles Gallagher, S.J.

Fr. Gallagher is the author of many scholarly publications and books, including



"Nazis in Copley Square - The Forgotten Story of the Christian Front," in the United States, a group representing early right-wing ideology influenced by Fr. Charles Coughlin, the "radio priest" whose weekly diatribes influenced 30 million people, and weaponized hate. Fr. Gallagher's near future plans are to write a book on Christian Nationalism based on his extensive research. His other interests are far-reaching, and include writings on the papacy, international relations, American Catholicism, and the history of the Holocaust. He has been recognized by the American Catholic Historical

Association for his book, "Vatican Secret Diplomacy: Joseph P. Hurley and Pope Pius XII".

Charles R. Gallagher, S.J., came to Boston College from the Geneva School of Diplomacy and International Relations in 2010. From 2004 to 2006, he taught in the History Department at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts.