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07.09.2009 | Faculty, Catholic In reporting on the Pope's encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate* ("Charity in Truth"), many national and Catholic news outlets turned to Vincent J. Miller, the first Gudorf Chair in Catholic Theology and Culture at the University of Dayton. Miller, formerly of Georgetown University, is author of *Consuming Religion: Christian Faith And Practice in a Consumer Culture*.

Miller was interviewed by the *New York Times* (url:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/07/08/world/europe/08pope.html?em>) , the *Washington Post* (url:

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/07/07/AR2009070700656.html?hpid=sec-](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/07/07/AR2009070700656.html?hpid=sec-religion)

[religion](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/07/07/AR2009070700656.html?hpid=sec-religion)) , the *Washington Times* (url: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/new s/2009/jul/08/pope-urges-global-action-on-economy/>) and the *Catholic News Service* (url: <http://ncronline.org/new s/vatican/encyclical-seen-breaking-new-ground>) e (url:

<http://ncronline.org/new s/vatican/encyclical-seen-breaking-new-ground>) . Those stories were subsequently picked up by more than 100 other outlets and blogs.

As reported in *The New York Times*:

"There are paragraphs that sound like Ayn Rand, next to paragraphs that sound like 'The Grapes of Wrath.' That's quite intentional," Vincent J. Miller, a theologian at the University of Dayton, a Catholic institution in Ohio, said by telephone. "He'll wax poetically about the virtuous capitalist, but then he'll give you this very clear analysis of the ways in which global capital and the shareholder system cause managers to focus on short-term good at the expense of the community, of workers, of the environment."