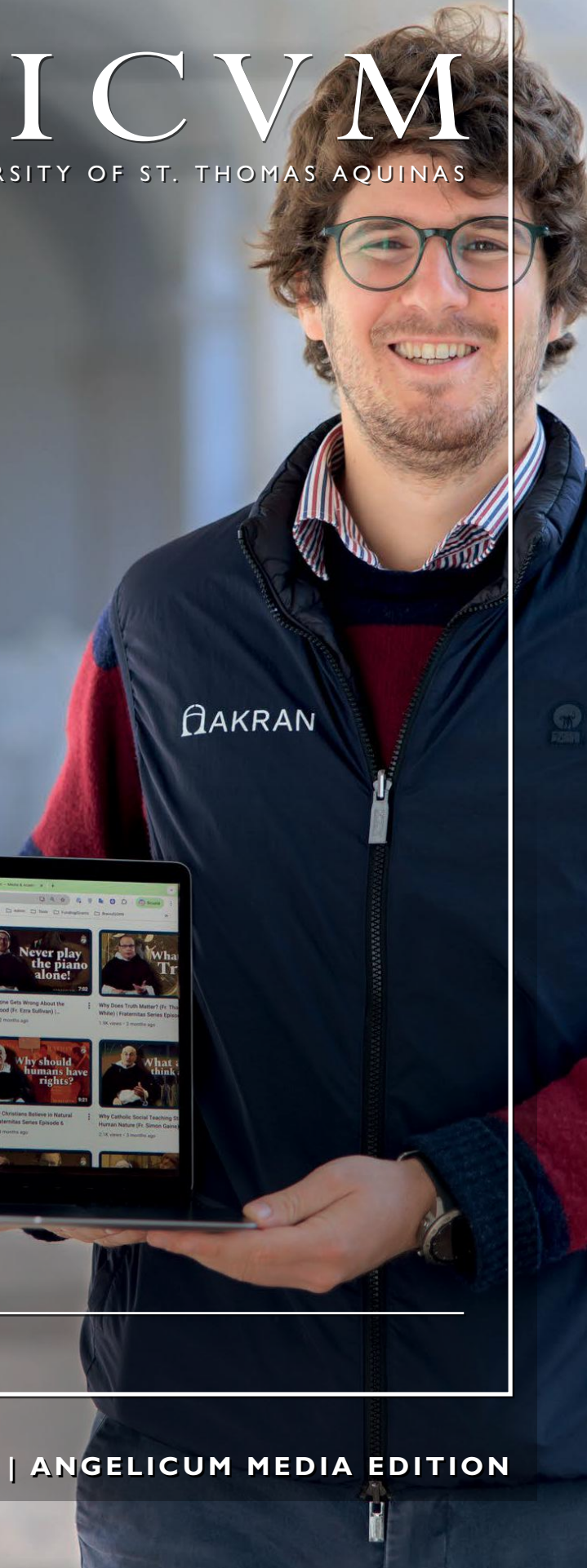


The ANGELICVM

NEWSLETTER OF THE PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS



Compelling Online Evangelization



Fr. Thomas Joseph White, O.P.
Rector Magnificus

Dear Friends,

In our world today, there is a marked absence of genuine knowledge of Catholic philosophical and theological truth claims in the public domain. While professionalization abounds in other disciplines like law, medicine, and the observational sciences, modern human beings often lack genuine formation in the Catholic intellectual tradition. The Dominican Order seeks to remedy this by making theological principles intelligible, clear, and compelling, and in a public format that's free and available to all.

One of the ways we do this today, of course, is online, and this explains our new initiative called Angelicum Media, which seeks to make the teaching of the University publicly available to people throughout the world. This initiative acts in service of global Catholic education and evangelization. It includes our new series on Catholic Social Thought and a new interview series on a range of topics at the intersection of theology and public life. Yes, we live in a pluralistic world; but in that world, how do we seek to communicate the truth of the Catholic faith in a humane way so as to address contemporary challenges that are both political and interreligious? How can we use the wisdom of St. Thomas Aquinas and the Catholic Church to assist us in this task?

Questions like these are at the forefront of our new Angelicum Media project. In the future, we hope to promote knowledge of philosophical and theological principles and address contemporary debates about the nature of the human person. In light of these principles, as ever, we are interested in promoting knowledge of the core doctrines of the Catholic faith in order to augment theological literacy and create a network of young scholars throughout the world who can serve the global Church and advance a culture of theological education. Knowledge is at the service of love, and theological knowledge is at the service of the spiritual life and a culture of charity. We hope God will continue to bless the Angelicum abundantly, including through its work of spiritually compelling online evangelization.

In union of prayers,
Fr. Thomas Joseph White, O.P.
Rector Magnificus

On the cover: The content of Angelicum Media, our newly formed project for digital outreach, flows from the heart of the Angelicum's formation and our university team. From concept to design, and filming to distribution, projects are overseen by Evelyn Blacklock and Santiago Masetti.

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UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome our new professors, sharing some of the classes they teach and fields of study.

THEOLOGY

Fr. Maurice Ashley Agbaw-Ebai

"Ratzinger and Logos: Christology in the Trilogi Jesus of Nazareth"

Fr. Adrien Candiard, O.P.

Ecumenical Section (Islam)

Fr. Terence Crotty, O.P.

"The Psalms and Wisdom Books of the O.T."

Rev. Sean DeWitt

"Introduction to Canon Law"

Fr. Daniele Drago, O.P.

"Administration of the Sacraments in the Latin Rite"

Rev. Kyrillos Elmacari

Ecumenical Section (Eastern churches)

Fr. Austin Litke, O.P.

Expert in Patristics

Michał Łukaszczyk

"History of the Early Church"

Fr. Marcelo Mendez, O.F.M.

"Pastoral Theology"

Dr. Andrew Meszaros

"Development of Doctrine" &

"Christian Vocation"

Fr. Michele Pari, O.P.

"Sacraments of Initiation"

Dr. Donald Prudlo

"Origins, Foundations and

Establishment of the Dominican

Charism in the Early Order"

Fr. Martin Sabathè, C.S.J.

"Christology"

MATER ECCLESIAE INSTITUTE OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Prof. Patrizia Morgante

"Church and Media"

Fr. Andrea Valori

"Sacred Scripture"

PHILOSOPHY

Dr. Brian Carl

"The Divine Names According to Thomas Aquinas"

Dr. John Haldane

"Contemporary Ethical Theory"

Dr. Ana Lucía Montoya Jaramillo

"Guided Reading of Paul Ricoeur's Philosophy of the Will"

Dr. Ana Petrache

"Resisting Injustice:

On Civil Disobedience"

Fr. Pietro Zauli, O.P.

"History of Ancient Philosophy"

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Dr. Dariusz Karłowicz

"Religion and Politics"



The 2025-26 academic year is underway with 1100 students, including over 300 new students at the bachelor level. We welcome new professors to the university.

OTHER UPDATES

• **St. Albert's Institute** (Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology) in Berkeley, CA (USA) is now an affiliated institute of the Angelicum, and students will be able to receive the canonical bachelor's degree in theology (STB).

• **The St. John Henry Newman Chair** was officially inaugurated with the first chairholder, Dr. Andrew Meszaros, who is a top expert in the theology of St. John Henry Newman.

Meet Fr. Corwin Low, O.P.

Director of Development and Mission Advancement

Please share a bit about yourself and your vocation.

I was raised in the Seattle area, together with my three siblings, and grew up as a Protestant. In college, I studied computer science and electrical engineering. Early on in the software industry, one of my first jobs was to work as a software engineer with Paul Allen, who started Microsoft with Bill Gates. This was my first experience working in a wealthy environment, and I thought that was what I wanted. With a business partner, I opened a company for Internet security that helped Microsoft get connected to the Internet. We also wrote a book about the Internet in 1994, at a time when it was still very new. After a while, in the midst of all this success, I started to ask myself an existential question; "What is this for? Why am I doing this?" Even though I had all the opportunities to do and to buy whatever I wanted, it did not seem that satisfying to me. Around this time, a visit to the office of my intellectual property lawyer marked my life. I noticed that he had a shelf with Christian icons, and I asked him what they were. He responded, "That is my daily reminder of who is in charge." His answer struck me, and we became friends. This led me to travel as a pilgrim to Rome in 1999, where I met the Dominicans at the church of Santa Sabina, the headquarters of the Dominican Order. I ended up spending over a year in the city, helping various religious communities and even the Vatican museums with various tech projects, as I grew in my discovery



of the Faith. I was received into the Church by the Dominicans in Rome on Easter Sunday, 2001.

After selling the company a few years later, discerned a vocation to the Dominicans and entered the Western Province of the United States (Holy Rosary Province) in 2006. I was the oldest of the novices, at the age of 42. After my priestly ordination in 2014, I served as parochial vicar and administrator in our parishes in Benicia, CA, and in Portland, OR. In 2022, our Provincial called me and said, "I think that you should go back into business." I was surprised, but he reminded me of what I had shared from my past experience, that people in the technology industry are far from the Faith, and executives struggle with

the challenges of depression and harrowing expectations. He invited me to take up this mission. After a few years of ministering to tech executives and workers in places like Microsoft and Amazon, Angelicum rector Fr. Thomas Joseph White invited me to come to the Angelicum to be the Development Director. My instinct was my responsibility to the work I was already doing, but I was also aware of the recent developments at the Angelicum under his leadership, seen in my time serving as Director of the International Dominican Foundation. I saw how important the mission of the Angelicum is for the education for future leaders of the Church. And so I heartily agreed to take on this new mission.

What is your history with the Angelicum?

During the year I lived in Rome, I met Fr. Robert Christian, O.P., Angelicum Prior and professor, who invited me to audit his class on the sacraments. It was my first taste of academia at the university, and I noted that the Dominicans I encountered were very interested in teaching the truth of the Faith. They had an impressive knowledge of Aquinas in their close reading and use of his clear, concise, and systematic approach. Rolling the clock forward to my time of formation for the Dominicans, I spent a year studying theology at the Angelicum, and it was a great experience. It was an excellent place to study, but at that time the facilities did need a lot of updating. Since my first visit as a layman in 2000, to my theological studies in 2011, to now, the university has changed for the better, and this movement is very visible.

What are your goals as you begin the mission of Director?

I think it is important to extend the cast of recognition of the Angelicum, so that it is not just the name of some vague institution in Rome, but as a place where we are trying to bring the truth to the world. The Angelicum has been around for some 800 years in various forms, from a studium for Dominican friars to the university we know today, and it has always existed for this mission to spread the truth. In our times, marked by so much confusion, this involves projects like Angelicum Media, which introduce a larger audience to the concrete formation of the university. Once they experience this, they will want to participate in the mission of the Angelicum with their support. I also think it is very valuable to invite people into the walls of the Angelicum, to see the students and their context.

There are so many exciting things happening at the university. We are getting new Dominican and lay professors who are experts in their fields, and the renovations are also making a big impact on the quality of life for the students. The liturgical life of the university is notable; we have daily Eucharistic Adoration, and we know that putting the Eucharist at the center of our education is key. Our student body is growing, and the enthusiasm of our students is tangible. As I walk through the cloister, I hear them engaging in conversation with each other and their professors. It reminds me of the very reason that we have places of learning like the Angelicum. I look forward to contributing to advancing the mission and the continued renewal underway here at the university.



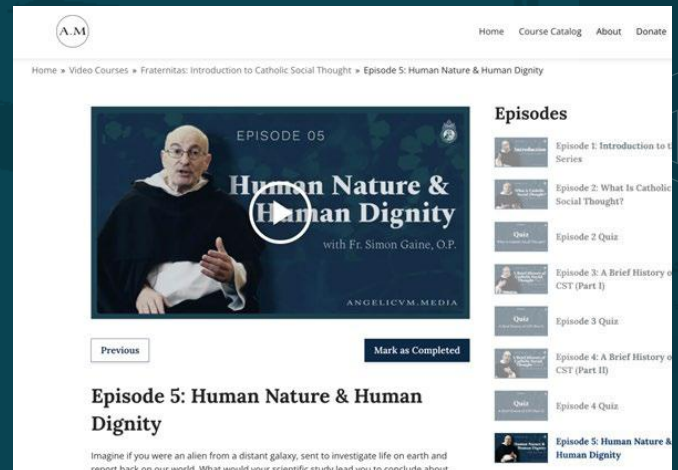
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SHARING OUR FORMATION WITH A GLOBAL AUDIENCE

Our university is a seat of education, aimed at the holistic intellectual and spiritual formation of our students. But the Dominican charism of preaching calls us to also look beyond our walls, and we want to make the intellectual and spiritual life of the Angelicum accessible to people around the world. Our university produces “content” (to use digital media lingo) of the highest quality on a daily basis – whether in classroom lectures about the Trinity, conferences on artificial intelligence and the human person, or book talks on Thomistic metaphysics. How can we make that “content” available to Catholics and others who desire deeper philosophical and theological formation, but are not in a position to enroll at the Angelicum and attend classes in Rome? While online learning can never be a replacement for the traditional classroom experience, it can provide educational opportunities that would otherwise not be available.

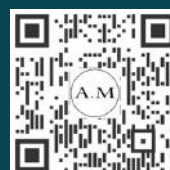
«Through our new initiative “Angelicum Media”, we hope to reach students, academics, working professionals, and anyone else who could benefit from a taste of the theological renewal that is taking place at the Angelicum.»

To make this formation accessible to a broad audience, we are beginning to produce episodic video series that are intended to teach or explore a topic of interest in a way that is rigorous and comprehensive, yet accessible to a student or non-specialist. These more highly produced educational series are accessible on our new Angelicum Media website (<https://media.angelicum.it>), as well as on our Angelicum Media YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/AngelicumMedia>). The website is designed to give users the tools and encouragement to go deeper – to create an account to track their progress, review the abundant supplemental resources we have curated, and test their knowledge with quizzes after each episode. For scholars and academics interested in specialized research topics, we are investing in our ongoing efforts to live-stream and record lectures, conferences, and book talks that happen throughout the year, and make them available on our university YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@AngelicumUni>).



<https://media.angelicum.it>

[Watch the series introduction](#)



Our inaugural video series is titled *Fraternitas: Introduction to Catholic Social Thought*. In this series, we use short “explainer”-type videos of 7-8 minutes to introduce viewers to the foundational principles and concepts of the Church’s body of teaching on social ethics. The aim of the series is to provide a comprehensive overview of Catholic social teaching, including its biblical roots and Thomistic development, in a way that shows how the principles and values of CST are interconnected and mutually reinforcing. Topics include natural rights, human dignity, the common good, subsidiarity, and religious freedom. The videos are designed to be colorful and engaging without detracting from the gravity of the subject matter, inviting viewers to explore CST through the lens of the fundamental goodness and beauty of the created world.

Our second video series will be a sequel titled *Universal Fraternity: An Idea That Could Change the World*. While the first series teaches principles, the second puts those principles in conversation with current problems in our common social life, from economics to technology to international relations. The videos in this series feature interviews with prominent academics and Church figures from around the world, composed in a documentary-style or “video essay” format. Each episode explores how the concept of universal fraternity, as it has developed in Catholic social thought, might inform or transform how we approach contemporary social problems.

Other Projects in Production:

Catholic social thought was an ideal starting point for Angelicum Media, as it brings together our professors’ expertise in philosophy, theology, and social sciences, to teach an important and timely subject in a cohesive way. But we are either producing or hoping to produce a variety of additional new content in different media formats.

Currently underway are two new series called *Angelicum Insights* and *Angelicum Conversations*. In *Angelicum Insights*, we present bite-sized interviews with our professors on topics of current interest. For example, how can we apply just war principles to modern conflicts? Why is Pope Leo XIV urging Christians to recover the natural law tradition?

In *Angelicum Conversations*, we present longer-form interviews that showcase prominent academic work of broad interest to the life of the Church. Our first episode featured a conversation with Professor Andrew Meszaros, holder of the Newman Chair at the Angelicum, about the recent recognition of St. John Henry Newman as a Doctor of the Church. Planned episodes include interviews with Professor Lewis Ayres about the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea and with Professor Martin Ganeri about the future of interreligious relations in a fractured world.



Angelicum INSIGHTS



ANGELICVM CONVERSATIONS





NEW MEDIA ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

An Interview with Sr. Helen Alford, O.P.

Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences; President of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences; contributor to Angelicum Media series

What is Catholic Social Teaching?

A good explanation of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is given in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, available on the Vatican website, in Part 1, chapter 2, "The Nature of the Church's Social Doctrine", paragraphs 72-86. It splits the presentation of CST up into 6 sub-sections, each with a title - the first two are "Knowledge illuminated by Faith" and "In friendly dialogue with all branches of knowledge"! Pope John Paul II has told us that CST is part of moral theology (see the *Compendium*, n. 72); Pope Benedict has told us that it "argues on the basis of reason and natural law, namely . . . in accord with the nature of every human being" (*Deus caritas est*, n. 28). And recently, Pope Leo XIV, in an address to the *Centesimus annus* Foundation, tells us that CST has a "specific anthropological approach".

Why is the Angelicum focusing on CST in one of their first media series?

Simply, because CST is part of the basic proclamation of the Gospel, and the Order of Preachers is here to preach the Good News that Jesus has brought us. CST helps us understand how to interpret the implications of the Gospel for our life in society and in relation to the natural world around us. It helps us live our Christian faith to the full. Furthermore, picking up on the quote above from Pope Benedict, CST also allows us to discuss what is good for human beings with people of other faiths, and those of no faith. Like Catholic moral theology as a whole, CST

sees our faith as illuminating what is good for us and giving us the motivation and strength, through grace, to live that way. However, the gift of faith doesn't change what is good for human beings in themselves. On the basis of our shared human nature, we can work with others towards our good and the common good. So CST is very important in economics and politics, and in social life as a whole.

Please share with us about the upcoming series "Universal Fraternity: An Idea That Could Change the World"

Our second series will look at how a fundamental idea like fraternity – that we are really all brothers and sisters to each other – could have profound and far-reaching effects in society. We compare it to the idea of "human dignity", which has had a

transformative effect on the way we think about each other. In the face of the kinds of problems we have today, including the epidemic of loneliness and family breakdown and a multilateral system that is breaking down before our eyes as nations compete instead of cooperating, living in a fraternal relationship with each other presents a way forward for us all, on every level of society, especially for Christians but also for all people of goodwill.

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The Making of a Media Series

What goes into the preparation of a highly produced, multi-episode series such as *Fraternitas: Introduction to Catholic Social Thought*? The complex production process starts with idea development, including an initial sketch of the content and contours of the series. We then pitch the idea to foundations or other possible funders. If fundraising is successful, we proceed to full-fledged content development, which typically involves research and drafting for scripts or interview questions, as well as editing with an eye to length and the video format. With the content in place, we bring in a professional film crew and conduct filming over several days, often in batches. We then move into editing and post-production, which includes thematic design development, animation, music, licensing, and rounds of feedback. Finally, we launch and distribute the series through our website, email lists, social channels, and traditional media outreach. From start to finish, we have Angelicum Media content and production managers making sure that everything stays on track and on budget. The result is a versatile and artistically pleasing educational aid of what we hope is perennial value for Catholics seeking to better understand and live out their faith.

Projects we would like to pursue:

In plotting out future projects, we look for important topics in Catholic philosophy and theology that are not already being taught in a comprehensive and rigorous way and in a freely available format. Educational series that we think fit this niche and that we would like to produce in the future include a Theology of Major World Religions, a Theology of Art and Beauty, and an Introduction to Catholic Spirituality. We are also hoping to produce more informal Q&A-type videos that answer questions submitted by users through the Angelicum Media website.

Would you like to sponsor an upcoming project of Angelicum Media?

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Covers studio recording, professional editing, and post-production for one thoughtful conversation that brings Catholic ideas to listeners worldwide.

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Funds a half-season of podcast conversations.
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Produces one educational video episode.
Covers pre-production, filming, and post-production for a 7–8 minute video explaining key principles of Catholic thought — beautifully produced and ready to share.

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Includes the entire production process and the resources that bring the episode to the world: presenter honoraria, travel, in-house scripting and oversight, marketing, and design.

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Creates a complete 10-episode video series.
Funds the production of an entire themed series — from concept and filming through post-production — providing a rich, accessible course in Catholic education.

\$242,000

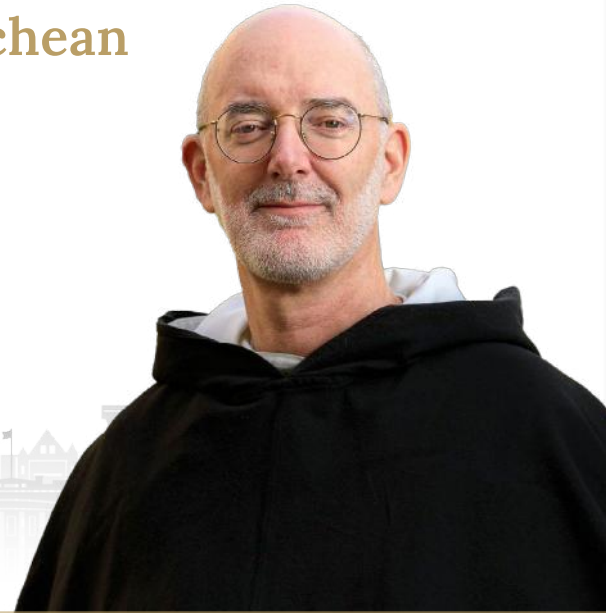
Brings a full series to global audiences.
Supports not only production but also the full range of activities needed for global impact: outreach, advertising, content management, and long-term distribution.

Estimated costs converted from Euro. Contact us for more information at advancement@pust.it.

ANGELICUM EVENTS IN THE USA

Christian Virtue in America's Nietzschean Wasteland: Thomistic Reflections

Recap: This September, we had the privilege of hosting our first Washington, D.C.-area lecture of its kind, with Fr. Michael Sherwin, O.P., delivering poignant remarks on the state of our society and what a Thomist-influenced response from the faithful would look like.



A Conversation with the Theologian of the Papal Household: Spotting Resistances Against the Plenitude of the Christian Ethos

N.Y., 3 FEB 2026

On Tuesday, February 3rd, we will be hosting our Second Annual Aquinas Lecture in New York City, featuring the Theologian of the Papal Household, Fr. Wojciech Giertych, O.P.

Building on the massive success of Fr. Thomas Joseph White's remarks last February, we are proud to bring Fr. Giertych to New York City for this much-anticipated event.

This event is being hosted in partnership with First Things, and is free and open to all. **Scan the QR code** to learn more about Fr. Giertych and to complete the required registration form.

Contact Bryce Connolly at bconnolly@pust.it for more details.

Join us!



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- *Torch-Bearers Circle*
- *Angelicum emblem sticker*
- *A Dominican Rosary, handmade in Siena, Italy*
- *Branded Rosary case*

AND

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