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NEWSLETTER OF THE PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS



**DIVINE WISDOM AND
ACADEMIC RESEARCH**



FROM THE RECTOR

THE ANGELICUM'S RESEARCH MISSION ROOTED IN CATHOLIC TRADITION



Dear Friends,

The Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (The Angelicum) is one of the world's premier institutions for priestly formation, grounded in the perennial wisdom of the Catholic intellectual tradition, including the thought of its namesake, the Angelic Doctor. However, it is much more than just a seminary. The Angelicum is also a preeminent research university that prepares priests, religious, and lay students from around the globe for scholarly academic work in the service of the Church.

With four faculties dedicated to sacred sciences - theology and philosophy, as well as canon law and social sciences - our research in these fields is at the core of the university's mission. Both formation for teaching and research itself are central aims, as the Angelicum endeavors to shape minds through its academic programs while also actively advancing human knowledge via publications and new scholarly insights faithful to the Catholic philosophical and theological heritage.

Ideas matter. They shape our world, whether we pay attention to them or not, and whatever our wishes may be. In our era of secularization and competing worldviews, the communication of Christian truth through the formulation and dissemination of powerful ideas rooted in the Catholic tradition is pivotal. Just as the European Enlightenment catalyzed societal secularization through potent philosophical concepts, so too robust Catholic thinking, including perspectives from the Thomistic intellectual tradition, can change society and shape culture over time. The Angelicum is dedicated to re-articulating the ideas and ideals of the Gospel and the richness of the Catholic intellectual tradition in ways that engage modern challenges, developments, and questions.

This two-fold task involves both preserving the wisdom of the past as well as generating new vigorous thought for the future, grounded in Catholic truth. The Angelicum aims to conquer new intellectual domains by bringing the truths of the Catholic faith to bear on emerging insights from science, social and cultural developments, new philosophical currents, and by engagement with other religious traditions. Its mission is to form students to write, think, and teach in ways that promote a thriving Christian intellectual life consonant with the Catholic philosophical and theological tradition for the next century and beyond.

By preparing the next generation of scholars and leaders steeped in this heritage, the university strives to ensure a fruitful future for Catholic thinking that can bring the light of the Gospel to all humanity. With its rich research programs, the university is well-positioned to be a driving force for advancing the Christian intellectual life for generations to come. This crucial work requires ongoing support from generous donors who value the importance of upholding the Catholic philosophical and theological traditions. Thank you for your friendship, prayers, and support!

In Christ and St. Thomas Aquinas,
Fr. Thomas Joseph White, O.P.
Rector Magnificus

◀ *On the cover: Vatican Museum ceiling fresco St. Thomas Aquinas presents his works to the Church, with Aristotle below, illustrating the harmony of faith and reason in Aquinas' writings. Photo: Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P.*

EXPERT ANGELICUM PROFESSORS

The robust research aspects of the university are also translated into the education on offer for our students. Meet a few of our professors, experts in their field, who are teaching in the areas where they are active in research and academic dialogue.



**FR. MARIUSZ
TABACZEK, O.P.**

FACULTY OF THEOLOGY,
THOMISTIC SECTION

Dominican Province of Poland

Area of Expertise: Theology of Creation; Religion and Science; Divine Action; Creation and Evolution; Philosophy of Science (Biology); Metaphysics.

Recent research: *Theistic Evolution: A Contemporary Aristotelian-Thomistic Perspective*, Cambridge University Press (2024). "Avoiding simplistic answers to complex questions concerning the origin of species, including the human species, this book inspires critical thinking and a systematic approach to all major philosophical presuppositions and both philosophical and theological repercussions of the theory of evolution."

Courses: Theology of Creation; Creation and Contemporary Science; Creation and Evolution.



**FR. FAUSTO
GRIMALDI**

FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY

Archdiocese of Catania, Italy

Area of Expertise: Anthropology; philosophy of the mind; neurophysiology.

Recent projects: *Libertà e Neuroscienze: Sfide attuali e nuovi paradigmi antropologici* [Free Will and Neuroscience: Current challenges and new anthropological paradigms], (Editrice ISTINA, 2020). "St. Thomas Aquinas had excellent intuitions we can apply in the new field of neuroscience. Interpreting and applying them to this study is the scope of my work."

Courses: St. Thomas Aquinas' commentary on De Anima and the Thomistic notion of participation (anthropology); Neurophysiology and St. Thomas.



**SR. DELFINA
MORAL, O.P.**

FACULTY OF CANON LAW

Religious Missionaries of St. Dominic (Spain)

Area of Expertise: Canon Law in the Consecrated Life.

Recent projects: Article, "Postcodicial reform in the Pontificate of Pope Francis for the Consecrated Life" in *Estudios Eclesiásticos. Revista de investigación e información teológica y canónica* 97, no. 383 (diciembre 13, 2022). She has also written on Canon Law concerning the laity and other topics.

Courses: Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life; Canon law for monastic communities; The Church's teaching mission; Canon law concerning the laity and Associations of the laity; Marriage; Canonical process.



**BR. ROBERTO
BONGIANNI, OFM**

FACULTY OF
SOCIAL SCIENCE

Franciscan Province of St. Bonaventure (Italy)

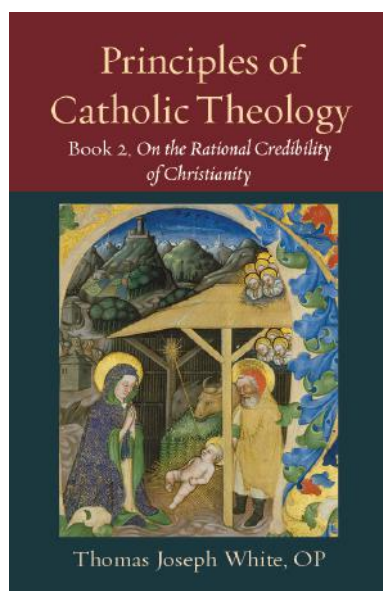
Area of Expertise: Ethics of economy and finance; Sociology of Work.

Recent projects: Led a research project this year with our students as the researchers; they used the criteria of "decent work" developed by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to evaluate the kinds of work that migrants in Rome are doing. The project is an example of the university's efforts to bring academic research to the local community, and was also published.

Courses: Economic Ethics; Finance Ethics; Sociology of Work.

PUBLICATIONS

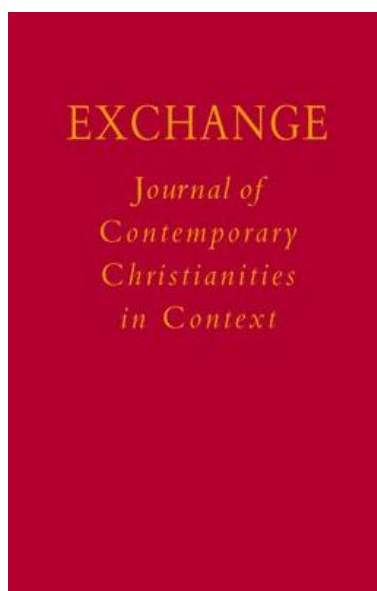
RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE ANGELICUM ACADEMIC COMMUNITY



Principles of Catholic Theology, Book 2: On the Rational Credibility of Christianity (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2024).

By Fr. Thomas Joseph White, O.P. (University Rector; Faculty of Theology - Section of Dogmatic and Fundamental Theology)

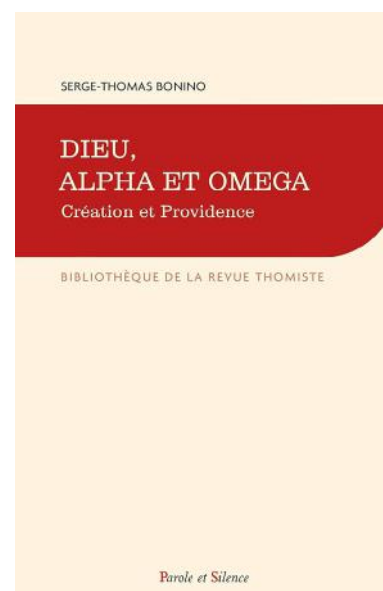
"Can a philosopher defend the rational warrant for belief in Christianity? Is it reasonable to be religious? My book explores these questions in a systematic way by considering questions of ultimate explanation. The aim is to place contemporary natural reason in profound dialogue with the Catholic faith and to think about ways that we can consent to the profound mystery of the Holy Trinity that are in robust concord with the knowledge obtained from philosophical, scientific, and historical sources".



"Churches Facing War: Ecumenical Deadlocks and Ecclesiological Challenges" in *Exchange* 53:1 (2024), pp 62-79.

By Dr. Dimitrios Keramidis (Faculty of Theology - Institute for Ecumenical Studies)

"The war in Ukraine has generated debates, both within the Orthodox Church and beyond, regarding the religious legitimization of military conflicts. The inability of ecumenical bodies to formulate a common stance in the face of war has raised questions about the current methodology employed by ecumenical assemblies. The article argues that the problem arises from the politicization of ecumenical assemblies, which detracts them from the ecclesiological principle that should instead guide the common Christian witness."

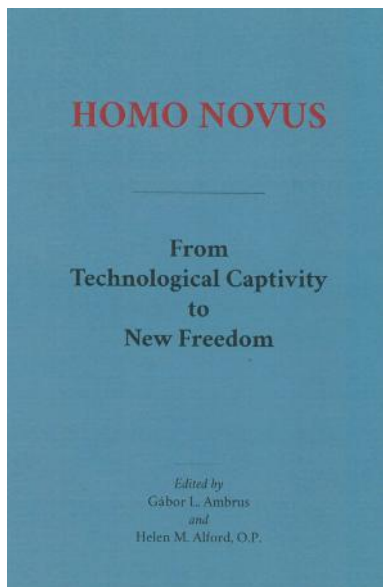


Dieu, Alpha et Omega: Création et Providence [God, Alpha and Omega: Creation and Providence], Parole et silence (Bibliothèque de la Revue Thomiste, 2023).

By Fr. Serge-Thomas Bonino, O.P. (Faculty of Philosophy; President of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas)

"In my book, I tackle the modern challenge of finding God in a world where His presence often seems hidden. I explore how God is present as the Creator of the universe and how He guides it. I've distilled the teachings from Scripture and Church tradition, then examined it through the lens of Thomas Aquinas' metaphysical and theological wisdom. My goal is to help readers see how God is still active in nature, history, and their personal lives, even when it's not obvious. By revisiting Aquinas' profound ideas, I offer a fresh perspective on age-old questions that still resonate today."

BOOKS



“Confronting Adversarial Technology: Learning from the Past, Looking to the Future”, in G. Ambrus and H. Alford OP (eds), *Homo Novus: From Technological Captivity to New Freedom*, (Angelicum University Press, 2023), pp 17-48.

By Sr. Helen Alford, O.P. (*Dominicans of St. Catherine of Siena of Newcastle; Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences; President of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences*)

“Today’s mainstream form of technological development focuses on the development of machines, but, as the history of technology shows us, it could focus on strengthening and developing human capacities and human development. The article lays out some of this history, and concludes by discussing the “Blueprint for Better Business”, which represents a force that could redirect technology in a more human-centered way.”

Sr. Helen Alford, O.P. and Prof. Marina Russo, *Catholic Universities of Central, Eastern and Western Europe in a Secularizing World: Experiences and Challenges*, (Angelicum University Press, 2023).

Prof. Gábor L. Ambrus, *From the Golem to Freedom: A Study on Technology and Religion*, (Bloomsbury: London, 2024).

Dr. Lewis Ayers, Crawford, M, Champion, M. , ed, *The Intellectual World of Late Antique Christianity*, (Cambridge University Press, 2023).

Fr. Alejandro Crosthwaite, O.P. and Prof Luigi Troiani (eds), *Neutralità climatica e decarbonizzazione dell'economia. Gli interessi in gioco contro la salvaguardia del creato*, (L'Ornitorinco ed., Milano 2023).

Prof. Dario Sessa, *Mankind According to God's Design. Introduction To Theological Anthropology*, (Edi:Napoli 2023).

Prof. Giovanni Kostko, *Rivelazione, ermeneutica e sviluppo dottrinale in Joseph Ratzinger. Un contributo indiretto alla sinodalità*, (Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum: Roma, 2023).

Prof. Giuseppe Casale, Sr. Raffaella Petrini, F.S.E., Prof. Luigi Troiani et al (a cura di), *Regime politico e regime di welfare in area post-sovietica*, (Angelicum University Press, 2023).

Prof. Cristiano Colombi, Prof. Teresa Doni, Sr. Raffaella Petrini, F.S.E. et al (a cura di), *Responding to the Global Pandemic as a Systemic Crisis*, (Angelicum University Press, 2023).

ARTICLES

Prof. S.F. Aumenta, “La Segreteria di Stato nella Cost. ap. ‘Praedicate evangelium’”, in *Ius Ecclesiae* 34 (2022).

Prof. Alessandra Bartolomei, “Donne, Chiesa e le contraddizioni della storia”, in *Between Freedom and Submission. The Role of Women in the History of the Church*, (Münster, Aschendorf Verlag, 2024).

Dr. Gavin Gregory D’Acosta, “Islamochristiana, ‘Christian Theological Engagement with Islam: From Vatican II to Today. Some Reflections’”, 49, (2023).

Prof. Vincenzo Fasano, “Commento ai cann.

1055- 1094”, in *Código de Direito Canônico: fontes, comentários, interpretações autênticas, legislações da CNBB* (Edições CNBB, Brasília, 2024).

Fr. Mauro Gagliardi, “La cristologia nella summa theologiae di san tommaso (i and ii parte)”, *Rivista di spiritualità* 3 (luglio-settembre 2023).

Fr. Efreem Jindráček O.P., “The Place of Relation in the Constitution of the Human Person” (Angelicum 2023).

Dr. Bruce Marshall, “The Molinist Consensus: Jansenism and the Modern Catholic Theology of Grace,” in *The Roman School: Nineteenth-Century Jesuit Theology and Its Achievements*, (Leiden: Brill, 2024).

Fr. Kevin O’Reilly, O.P., “Priestly Celibacy as a Participation in Christ’s Priesthood’ in *Annales Theologici* 37 (2023).

Fr. Cristiano Massimo Parisi, C.P., “Il modello evangelico di teologia pubblica: Jürgen Moltmann”, in *PATH*, vol. 22 (2023/2).

Prof. Teresa Francesca Rossi, “Acting Synodality: A Project of the Centro Pro Unione”, in *Ecumenical Trends* 53 (2024).

Fr. Justin Schembri, O.P., “Conforming to Christ and not Hebel. Understanding what it means to be human from a biblical perspective”, in *Għarfien il-Ħajja Umana* (Rabat, Malta: Pubblikazzjonijiet Dumnikani 2024).

Fr. Piotr Skonieczny, O.P., “La produzione del diritto proprio nell’Ordine domenicano: la tradizione e le sfide attuali – alcune questioni”, in *La tradizione domenicana del diritto. Atti del convegno Roma, 23–24 aprile 2022, Pontificia Università S. Tommaso d’Aquino “Angelicum”*, a cura di Loïc-Marie Le Bot, O.P., (Angelicum, 2023).

Fr. Inocent Szaniszló, O.P., “When the human being is separated from the human person and thus also from the concept of human rights. Some aspects of criticism of Peter Singer’s biocentric conception of life” in *studia nauk teologicznych pan*, tom 18 (2023).

Fr. Mariusz Tabaczek, O.P., “Pantheism and Panentheism.” In *T&T Clark Handbook of the Doctrine of Creation*, (London: T&T Clark, 2024).

DOCTORAL RESEARCH AT THE HEART OF THE CHURCH

Doctoral research is a process that can take 2 - 5 years of research and writing, culminating in an oral defense. It provides a forum for students to gain research experience, guided by one of our professors, but also contributes original research to the larger body of knowledge. Here are a few of our recent doctoral students.



FR. THOMAS ANDREW VIVIANO

Archdiocese of Philadelphia, USA

FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

"The Cruciform and Ecstatic Dynamics of a Christian Conscience in the Thought of St. Thomas Aquinas"

"This dissertation argues that a Christian conscience must be informed by the self-sacrificial logic of the Cross of Christ to ensure its rectitude, which includes the ecstatic, or other-oriented, nature of its exercise. This work contributes to correcting a subjective understanding of conscience that has largely influenced moral thought in the past several decades which arguably removes the Cross, central to the Christian proclamation, from moral deliberation."



FR. FELIX DELOS REYES, O.P.

Dominican Province of the Philippines

FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY

"Homo Relativus: The Relationality of the Human Person in St. Thomas Aquinas"

"As relation is an indispensable aspect of our human existence, this study places the discussion of the relationality of the human person at the level of ontology - the study of being as such - and demonstrates how the teachings of St. Thomas offer a viable way of developing a holistic structure of relationality of the human person."



FR. JUAN LEONARDO POLLICINO

Archdiocese of Toledo, Spain

FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY

"La influencia de Santo Tomás de Aquino en la concepción del Hombre-Singular de Leonardo Castellani" [The influence of St. Thomas Aquinas on Leonardo Castellani's conception of the Singular Man]

"My work examines how St. Thomas Aquinas influenced Fr. Leonardo Castellani's idea of the 'Singular Man.' Castellani was an important Thomistic scholar in 20th-century Argentina. The study looks at Aquinas' teachings on human personality and ultimate purpose as the basis for Castellani's definition of the Singular Man and his view on human fulfillment."



ELENA ŠIAUDVYTIENĖ

Lithuania, Diocese of Telšiai

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

"Just Transition in Lithuania: A Blue Marble Evaluation of the Policy Framework in the Light of Integral Ecology"

"My doctoral research applies Catholic social teaching to Lithuania's just transition policies, emphasizing integral ecology and human dignity. It examines how environmental initiatives can align with human welfare. I have used the new Blue Marble Evaluation framework to assess these policies' contributions to the common good. This work addresses a current gap in just transition evaluation methods and has potential for global application."

Celebrating

AN ANGELICUM START AND FINISH FOR A BIBLICAL SCHOLAR

Fr. Ronan Connolly, O.P.

Province of Ireland

Embarking on a doctorate in St. Mark's Gospel at the Angelicum feels like a providential 'coming home.' While I recently completed a licentiate in sacred scripture at the Pontifical Biblical Institute, it was my early theological training at our *Studium* in Dublin, affiliated with the Angelicum, that laid a key foundation for my future studies (and where I have been teaching New Testament in the past year). Our learning of the biblical texts unfolded in union with the reading of the great *magistri in Sacra Pagina* like St. Thomas, whose theology was above all a witness and an elucidation of the truth of Revelation. This experience helped instill a deep appreciation for the unity of Scripture and Tradition, emphasizing that authentic interpretation of God's Word is an ecclesial endeavor, a synthesis of faith and scholarship, undertaken *in* and *for* the Church.

Upon arriving at the university I have been immediately struck by the strong spirit of fraternity and lively debate that permeates this beautiful campus. The tradition of *disputatio* is alive and well! *Fides quaerens intellectum* and both the seeking of truth and one's ability to express truth are capacities best honed within a community of faith such as is thriving here. It is also an exciting time to be studying at the Angelicum. As *Dei Verbum* famously declared "the study of the sacred page should be the soul of theology" and new initiatives such as the 'Project of the Theological Reception of Scripture' offer fresh avenues for deepening our understanding of the Bible by examining its reception within the early teaching tradition of the Church.

My doctoral research focuses on the pivotal central part of Mark's Gospel, where Jesus turns towards Jerusalem, a journey defined by his repeated self-revelations as the suffering Son of Man. I am exploring this in terms of the apocalyptic (*ἀποκάλυψις*) genre to better understand the Gospel dynamics of faith and *knowing* (epistemology). During my doctorate I will live at the ancient basilica of San Clemente, where God's Word has been proclaimed



for over 1,500 years! Ministering here is a tangible sign of that rich continuity of the Church's tradition but also the truth that the divine word is ever "living and active" (Heb. 4:12), capable of spurring faith in every age. As Benedict XVI reminds us in *Verbum Domini*, "the Word of God is the source of the Church's mission...the newness of Christian proclamation is that we can tell all peoples: 'God has shown himself. In person'" (92). This reminds me that my task now is not simply to develop some new idea or theological principle. Rather, it is a work to deepen our understanding of He who is the fullness of God's revelation, Jesus Christ. It is my hope that this will enable me to better contribute to this great mission of proclamation.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES:

sharing research and facilitating academic discussion.



The Angelicum organizes and collaborates on international conferences throughout the year. These gatherings serve two main purposes: to present research to wider audiences and to bring together key thinkers to examine critical issues facing the Church and the world today.

14-16 JUNE 2024 | XXII PLENARY SESSION OF THE PONTIFICAL ACADEMY OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

The idea that there is a common human nature is the subject of much criticism today. Many intend to “deconstruct” a concept that they believe is an obstacle to the freedom and creativity of the subject. The goal of this session was to use the resources of the Thomistic tradition to reflect on the notion of nature itself, its analogical application to human beings, its function as a moral norm and its perennial relevance for theology. This conference for the Vatican-based Pontifical Academy was co-sponsored by the Angelicum and held on campus, coordinated by Fr. Serge-Thomas Bonino, O.P., president of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas and Angelicum professor.

M O R E C O N F E R E N C E S F

THEOLOGY

“Thomas Aquinas: Magister spiritualis” (10-11 November 2023) - The third annual Pinckaers Chair Conference, co-sponsored by the Angelicum Thomistic Institute and the Angelicum Institute for Spirituality, focusing on the spirituality of St. Thomas Aquinas.

“Miracles: Scientific, Philosophical, and Theological Perspectives” (1-2 March 2024) - Organized by the Angelicum Thomistic Institute’s Project for Science and Religion.

“Unity and Uniqueness. Ecclesiological Concretions in Ecumenical Perspective” An academic symposium in honor of Cardinal Kurt Koch (6-8 March 2024) - Co-sponsored by the Angelicum Institute for Ecumenical Studies and the Roman

Institute of the Görres Society at the Campo Santo Teutonico.

“Returning to Aquinas and Maimonides for Today’s Jewish-Catholic Relations” (10-11 April 2024) A public lecture followed by closed-doors working sessions with a group of international scholars.

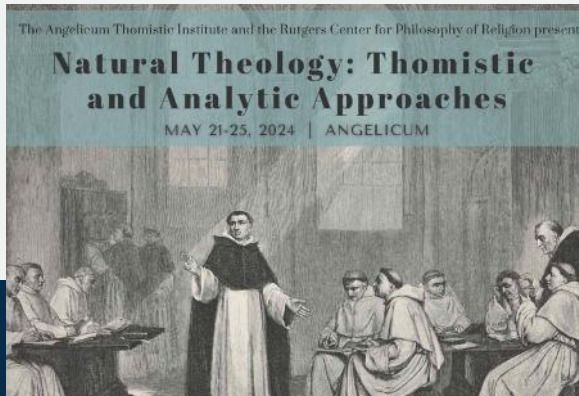
“The Bishop of Rome: A study document. Primacy and synodality in the ecumenical dialogues and in the responses to the Encyclical Ut unum sint “ (13 June 2024) - Based on the study document from the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity, organized by the Angelicum Institute for Ecumenical Studies.

“Understanding the Old Testament as Christian Scripture” International Symposium (17-20 June 2024) - Part of the Angelicum’s Project for the Theological Reception of Scripture.

PHILOSOPHY

“Grandezza e Miseria dell’Uomo: Blaise Pascal tra Ratio e Fides” [The Greatness and Misery of Man: Blaise Pascal between Ratio and Fides] (12 October 2023) - The conference included presenters from University degli Studi di Urbino, the University degli Studi di Genova, the Pontifical Lateran University and the Angelicum.

“The Blessed Ulma Family – Martyrs of War” (28 November 2023) Conference co-sponsored by the St. John Paul II Institute of Culture and the Fundacja Świętego Mikołaja; Led by Dr. Mateusz Szpytma, expert historian and relative of the Ulma family, followed by a panel discussion and exclusive documentary viewing.



This five-day workshop on natural theology/philosophical theology was co-sponsored by the Angelicum Thomistic Institute's Project for Philosophy in the Thomistic Tradition and Rutgers University's Center for Philosophy of Religion. It brought together graduate students from across the U.S. and the Angelicum for a historic cross-tradition dialogue. Renowned analytic philosophers Dean Zimmerman, Ryan Leftow (Rutgers), and John Hawthorne (Catholic University of Australia) presented from the contemporary analytic perspective. Fr. Philip Neri Reese, O.P. and a new professor, Fr. Adrian McCaffrey O.P., represented the Thomistic philosophical tradition. Despite exploring the same fundamental questions about philosophical arguments for God's existence, these traditions rarely interact due to fragmentation in academia. This pioneering workshop facilitated substantive exchange, with a diverse array of Catholic, Protestant, agnostic, and even atheist participants engaging how each tradition reasons about these issues. This workshop exemplifies the Angelicum's commitment to outward-facing scholarly dialogue while remaining grounded in its Thomistic roots.



12 APRIL 2024 | "PUTTING CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING INTO PRACTICE: CAN WE MEASURE HOW WELL WE ARE DOING?"

This conference organized by the Faculty of Social Sciences looked at this issue from three points of view. Fr. Albino Barrera O.P. made a theologically and philosophically based "Case for Metrics for Catholic Social Teachings". Prof Stefano Menghinello then discussed "Composite Indices: Useful Measures or Fake News?" Governments use these measures; a CST-based evaluation of them raises illuminating questions for improvement. Prof Sabina Alkire, Director of the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative, discussed "Different Ways of Measuring", including ways in which families can evaluate how well they are living their family life. The talks are available on Youtube: @fasspust.



R O M T H I S Y E A R

"The Church and culture. Conference on the 25th Anniversary of the 'Letter to Artists' by John Paul II" (11 April 2024) - co-sponsored by the St. John Paul II Institute of Culture and the Fundacja Świętego Mikołaja.

CANON LAW

"40 anni del codice di diritto canonico del diritto dei religiosi" [40 years of the code of canon law for religious] (19 April 2024) - The conference focused on recent changes in canon law for religious with presentations by Fr. Loic Marie Le Bot, O.P., Sr. Delfina Moral, O.P., Fr. Pius Pietrzyk, O.P., and Fr. Piotr Skonieczny, O.P.
Recordings of conferences on Youtube @prpust

SOCIAL SCIENCES

"Thomism and Economics" (11 March 2024) - Presented by Fr. Albino Barrera, O.P. (Theology at Providence College, RI and Fr. Val McInnis Chair Holder 2023-24) and Fr. Pierre Januard, O.P. (Catholic University of Angers and Sorbonne).

IN COLLABORATION:

"Aid to the Church in Need" (30 October 2023) A presentation and discussion on the persecution of Christians, hosted by the Angelicum.
"Grace, Virtue and Law" Rome Summer Seminar (22-29 June 2024) - Organized by the Institute for Human Ecology at Catholic University of America.

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

marking the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea.

NICAEA 2025

Context, Event & Reception (theological, historical and canonical impacts)
2 - 5 APRIL 2025

NICAEA and the Church of the Third Millennium: Toward Catholic - Orthodox Unity
4 - 7 JUNE 2025

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Eduardo Andino, Chief Advancement Officer



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YOUNG SCHOLARS ON THE ANGELICUM FACULTY

The Angelicum is dedicated to incorporating new scholars into its teaching and research team. This commitment strengthens our academic community's present and future, expands our outreach, and nurtures these scholars' gifts and potential. We invite you to meet some of our recently appointed professors.

SR. MARIA VERITAS MARKS, O.P.

Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist



Expertise: Biblical theology.

Dissertation: "Biblical Inspiration Revisited: Karl Rahner and Thomas Aquinas. A Thomistic ressourcement on the topic of biblical inspiration" at Catholic University of America.

Courses for the Faculty of Theology: A licentiate seminar on illumination and a baccalaureate course on theological writing.

"I hope to add another voice in the symphony of truth, drawing on the wisdom of Aquinas."

FR. ADRIAN McCAFFERY, O.P.

Province of St. Albert the Great, Central USA



Expertise: Medieval philosophy, philosophy of religion, metaphysics (medieval and contemporary).

Dissertation: "God's Own Obligations: A Thomistic Account of God's Moral Goodness." at St. Louis University.

Courses for the Faculty of Philosophy: "Aquinas, Pseudo-Dionysius, and the Metaphysics of Transcendentals," will explore the question of beauty; *Aquinas' Metaphysical Theology; Latin.*

"I am working with Our Sunday Visitor to write a book of popular philosophy on the topics of death and immortality (from the perspective of Aquinas)."

FR. RAYMUND SNYDER, O.P.

Province of St. Joseph, Eastern USA



Expertise: Metaphysics, Philosophical Theology, Aquinas's reception of Platonism.

Dissertation: "The Direct Influence of the *Elements of Theology* of Proclus in the Metaphysics of Aquinas", at the Angelicum.

Courses for the Faculty of Philosophy: "Apologetics and the New Evangelization"; a course on one of Cicero's philosophical dialogues (*On the Nature of the Gods*); and an integrated humanities course on Medieval Rome.

FR. GIAN MATTEO SERRA, O.P.

Roman Province of St. Catherine of Siena



Expertise: The management and analysis of the canonical discipline on temporal goods in the Church and the administration of temporal goods within religious life.

Dissertation: "The Italian Juridical recognition of the Canonical juridical person of religious Institutes: the specific case of the Roman Province of St. Catherine of Siena of the Order of Preachers", at the Angelicum.

Courses for the Faculty of Canon Law: "Particular churches", about the laws that pertain to an individual diocese; "Groupings of Particular Churches (Cann. 431-459)".

MULUMEBET ASSEFA KASSA

Ethiopia, Archdiocese of Addis Ababa



Expertise: Ethical Economics, International Development Cooperation, Social Thought of the Church.

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Summa theologiae II-II 188.6

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