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A portrait of St. Dominic:

Tender as a mother, strong as a Diamond.
- Henri-Dominique Lacordaire, O.P.

Either he talked to God, or he talked about God.
Dominic was gifted with great holiness and was sustained by an intense impetus of divine fervor.
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Detail of Our Lady of the Rosary, 16th century, from the Angelicum choir
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Right, top to bottom:

Image of Our Lady of the Rosary, a copy of the Angelicum choir original, being assembled in Ohio.
Photo: Fr. Dan Dury

Rector emeritus, Fr. Michał Paluch, O.P.
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Dominican brothers share in the cloister between classes.
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Letter from the Grand Chancellor



Dear Friends of the Angelicum,

It has been an unprecedented, unexpected and unforgettable year. We faced unforeseen challenges, but we responded with creativity, courage and conviction that even in the time of pandemic we can continue our mission of forming virtuous leaders for the Church. We have grown stronger, learned a great deal, and have rediscovered the fundamental things that truly matter. Let me recall what we know deep within our hearts. If we want to spread the Gospel, we must be with the people, we must be near, we must be close to them! A virtual encounter cannot replace a personal encounter. We must cross cultural, linguistic, even ideological boundaries to spread the Word of God. The pandemic has clearly shown us that for something (whether good or bad) to circulate, personal closeness and encounter is necessary. After this pandemic is over, let us not forget the lesson: if we want the Gospel to circulate in our secularized world, the same personal closeness and encounter is necessary. In this ongoing pandemic, we continue to pray for the sick and those who care for them. Let us not forget that even in our solitude, God is close to us, and we are never alone for we all belong to the Body of Christ.

This is also a year of grace for the Dominican family as we celebrate the 800th Jubilee of the heavenly birthday of St. Dominic (6 August 2021). The year-long celebration started on the Solemnity of the Epiphany (6 January 2021) and will conclude on the same solemnity (6 January 2022). This means that the beginning and conclusion of our celebration is an act of thanksgiving to God for the grace of his Epiphany, his revelation as **Lumen gentium**, “**Light to all the nations**”. Dominic received the charism to preach the Gospel to all the nations, with the *light of Christ* to illumine his path. Thus, we lovingly call Dominic as **lumen ecclesiae**, “**light of the Church**”, because his entire life was oriented towards Christ, *Lumen gentium*.

To spread the light of Christ, who is Truth, is the mission of the Angelicum. In the words of its patron, St. Thomas, “it is better to *illuminate* rather than merely shine.” The University fulfills this mission by highlighting the learned contributions of saintly Dominicans such as Thomas Aquinas, Catherine of Siena, Raymond of Peñafort and many others.

I wish to express my profound gratitude to all those who generously support the University and participate in fulfilling its mission. I am grateful to all who are co-responsible for the good of the University, and in a special way to the Rector, Fr. Michal Pałuch, whose dedicated service and leadership in the last four years brought the Angelicum on the path to renewal and revitalization.

May God, our life and light, “make His face shine upon us, and be gracious to us all!”

Fr. Gerard Francisco Timoner III, O.P.
Master of the Order
Grand Chancellor



An 800th Jubilee of the death of St. Dominic?

*Why, in a time when many people are still afraid of death, for justifiable reasons, our university is focusing on St. Dominic's death? Truth be told, Dominicans have always had a great reverence for the dead, helping us to keep our eyes fixed on the life to come. Everything **is** passing away. Before pranzo each day, our friars pray the *De Profundis* (Psalm 130) for all deceased Dominicans who have lived and taught here.*

Why? ...because the death of St. Dominic is just the beginning. We know that death brings life.

St. Dominic's earthly death is also his heavenly birthday. We stand on the shoulders of giants, like Dominic, who has gone before us to serve the Church in our rich tradition. Have we not been the beneficiaries of so much? The heavenly gaze of the Virgin l'Avvocata icon, (p. 8) shows our university's supernatural solidarity and spiritual heritage with the first foundation (before the friars) of Dominic's new Order of Preachers with the Cloistered Dominican Nuns. He knew the power and need of prayer for his mission.

The Angelicum "grace" of the Dominican Nuns' contemplative prayer and *our university's 18 year tradition of Eucharistic Adoration* has borne fruit in solid spiritual and academic formation of seminarians, religious, laity, priests, bishops and cardinals worldwide - even to Columbus, Ohio (p. 10). Thomas Aquinas' words come to mind: "to contemplate and pass onto others the fruits of that contemplation."

In this issue, in the midst of great challenges, we recall God's blessings on our humble university and we hope you will be encouraged in these difficult times. We recognize the sacrifices that you have made to help us, and we are very grateful to all of you. ***We ask your help now in a more consistent way (monthly donation), so this mission may continue!***

Around us we see new life and is it not really a new beginning? May the 800th Jubilee grace of the Dominican Order strengthen all of us!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Benedict Croell, O.P.

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P.S. Let me know if you would like to learn more about our new Mass cards, now with specialized versions for the souls of the faithful departed and for general intentions.

Meet Mats Wahlberg, Ph. D.

Visiting Theologian from Sweden for the Angelicum's Thomistic Institute



The Aquinas Chair is a rolling chair of the Thomistic Institute for visiting scholars in contemporary Philosophy and Theology to teach at the university for a semester. Mats Wahlberg was the Aquinas Chair for the Spring 2021 semester. He is currently professor of Systematic Theology at Umeå University in the north of Sweden.

It was a gift to have you here at the Angelicum this semester. Tell us about what you do.

Well, I work on the border of where the two disciplines of Philosophy and Theology meet. This semester I taught two courses at the Licentiate level: “God and Evil”, on the problem of evil and Theodicy and “Eros and Agape” on the nature of Christian love.

Share with us about your work on the question of evolution, suffering and divine love.

I'm currently working on a project about the problem of evil and evolution, funded by the John Templeton Foundation. The project studies the sacrificial aspects inherent in human love with an eye to explaining why God permits natural evil. Natural evil – such as suffering and death – is a precondition of the greatest form of sacrifice, in accordance with Jesus' words: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends” (Jn 15:13). An evolutionary world governed by natural selection is a world in which the human being's natural potential for sacrifice can be realized and become an expression of the greatest love.

How have you found teaching different here than in Sweden?

In Sweden, I teach secular students, but there are some ministerial candidates for the Lutheran and the Free Churches. I have had the chance to speak to priests in Sweden, but the Angelicum is the first place where I have been teaching primarily Catholics.

How was that experience for you?

It was great. For me of course, it is a very beautiful thing to be able to teach priests and future priests. The Catholic Church in Sweden has about 120,000 registered members. The whole country is one diocese. We just received our first Cardinal.

What do you think we can take away from the idea of Roman pontifical universities? Why do they matter for Theology? Or do they?

I'm very impressed by the academic and spiritual environment here at the Angelicum, and it is a privilege to be part of it. From my perspective as a “diaspora-Catholic”, it is clear that Roman pontifical universities are indispensable for the academic formation of priests and religious sisters at the heart of the Church, and for stimulating theological research in the great Catholic traditions. Today, the Thomistic tradition with its intellectual rigor is especially important for the life and health of the Church, and the Angelicum's Thomistic Institute does an amazing job in spreading this intellectual heritage all over Europe.

A Word of Farewell from the Rector Magnificus

After 4 years of service, **Fr. Michal Paluch OP** has completed his term. We sat down with him for a recap of his time at the Angelicum.



Credit: Agenzia Romano Siciliani

What has it meant for you to serve as the Rector of the Angelicum?

It was truly an honour and a great task for me. A great honour because the Angelicum is one of the most important institutions of intellectual life for the Dominican Order; a great task because we have been facing many challenges. The pandemic was not the least of them.

What is the greatest strength or gift of the University, and why would you encourage students to come to study here?

The Angelicum belongs to a carefully selected group of institutions in Rome and in the world that can proudly define themselves as pontifical universities. It teaches many hundreds of students, a group composed of about 100 nationalities. The roots of our university go back to the XIII century, when the Dominicans started their studium generale and Thomas Aquinas was one of the teachers. In the illustrious history of our institution, we have had a large number of professors without whom a significant history of Thomism and of theology could not have been written. And all that has taken place in the heart of Rome. Do you need any more to be encouraged?

Can you share a memory of your time at the University that particularly stands out to you?

Well, the opening ceremony of the Saint John Paul II Institute of Culture on the 100th anniversary of the birth of Karol Wojtyła stands out on a long list. It was a very symbolic event for me. In the middle of the pandemic, we could give a sign of vitality and hope to the whole academic community in Rome and in the world. And we could do it by raising the flag with the name of the most illustrious alumnus of our University. We were reminded by Pope Francis in his special letter sent to us that “The tradition of the Dominican Order, with the important role given to rational reflection on faith and its content, articulated in a magisterial way by the Angelic Doctor, will certainly favour this project, so that it will be characterized by the courage of the truth, freedom of spirit and intellectual honesty”. But I have to add that there were so many important events I was part of – with the *Communitas* interfaculty conference on the top of this list – and I could go on and on...

Do you have any words of advice for the university community?

My general message, for students in particular, would be to try to use the time you have in Rome in the best possible way in order to learn the most you can. This doesn't mean only reading books and writing papers but also to understand different experiences, different people, and different local churches that manifest themselves in Rome. You should not only do it for yourself: you should do it to be helpful to the people you will serve in the future.



Under the Gaze of Our Lady of the Rosary

CONNECTING THE ANGELICUM AND OHIO

There are about 4,700 miles between the Angelicum in Rome and the city of Columbus, Ohio, but something special makes the two cities now a lot more connected.

Ten minutes from downtown Columbus lies St. Catharine Catholic Church. St. Catharine's boasts a newly-constructed Perpetual Adoration chapel, where, on the facade of the chapel, is an image of Our Lady of the Rosary, watching the faithful as they enter to adore her Son.

On the opposite side of the Atlantic that same, and original, image of Our Lady of the Rosary also watches over the faithful at the Angelicum. The image is a part of a cycle of frescoes that depict scenes from salvation history. It is located in the choir chapel of the Angelicum, where Our Lady looks upon the friars praying the Divine Office and celebrating Mass, thus uniting Rome and Ohio under her loving gaze.



But exactly how did the 16th-century image of Our Lady find its way from Rome to Columbus? Fr. Dan Dury, pastor at St. Catharine's, shared how, and it's all thanks to Google. In constructing the new chapel, which is modeled after the Portiuncula in Assisi, Fr. Dury said he knew he wanted to put an image on the front of the chapel, and really wanted one of St. Catherine of Siena. The designer of the chapel did a Google image search, and the image of Our Lady of the Rosary came up in an article that a Dominican friar wrote.

"There was St. Catherine, our Blessed Mother, our Lord, and it just fit perfectly ... in that space that was allotted for the mural, and it was as if God really deigned that to happen," Fr. Dury said.

Having found the perfect depiction, Fr. Dury then talked about the next challenge: getting a higher resolution image to use; "so we said, 'well, we'll send someone to Rome to capture it!'"

The parish contacted the Angelicum and then sent a professional photographer over in

the spring of 2019 to take photos of the fresco. The images were then printed off on canvas in pieces and applied to the front of the chapel. "It's just astonishing, beautiful," Fr. Dury remarked.

St. Catharine's parish was founded in 1931, and began the project of building the Adoration chapel three years ago. It took about a year to complete, and was blessed on July 25, 2020. Welcomed by the image of Our Lady of the Rosary, the chapel receives around 70 people a day, all coming to adore Jesus in the Eucharist.

Fr. Dury commented on the importance of the Adoration chapel, "As Mother Teresa said; it's like radiation therapy, where our Lord's love radiates into our hearts, and I see it happening."

Father also shared about the challenge he gave to parishioners to commit to a weekly hour of Adoration, promising that if their life did not change, they could have his car.

"I received an anonymous letter from a parishioner who wrote, 'Father, I really wanted your car, and I said yeah right, my life won't really change, but I'm going to



give it a shot. Thank you so much, because my life is changing in the midst of this pandemic; I really needed this space to pray.' We get a lot of messages like that now."

This bond of Adoration connects St. Catharine's even closer with the Angelicum, which is the only Pontifical University that has had Eucharistic Adoration each day of class, an opportunity that has continued for 18 years. There, in the Adoration chapel, faith and understanding, devotion, study, and love come together in a formation that reaches far beyond the classroom. Eucharistic Adoration began in the choir chapel at the Angelicum 18 years ago, where the image of Our Lady is currently located, but was moved to an adjacent chapel, and more recently was moved to the main sanctuary of the church to accommodate for COVID-19 measures, yet always remains near this beloved image of Our Lady. The image of Our Lady of the Rosary proves that from Rome to Ohio, and beyond, the maternal love of the Blessed Mother and the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist unites the universal Church, across the farthest reaches of the earth - farther, even than 4,700 miles.

An 800 Year Anniversary and the “**Angelicum Nuns**”



SAN DOMENICO

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JUBILAEUM S. P. DOMINICI (1221 - 2021)
OCTINGENTESIMO AB EIUS OBITU EXEUNTE ANNO.

The year 2021 marks an important celebration for the Dominican family. It is the 800th anniversary of the heavenly birthday of St. Dominic who died August 4. Additionally we celebrate the founding of several monasteries of cloistered Dominican Nuns, including one of the first in Rome. Of course, as a part of this grand Dominican family, the jubilee is significant for the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas as well. We honor especially an important connection with the Nuns of the Dominican Order, and the beloved icon of Our Lady, la Madonna di San Luca.

At the start of the thirteenth century, St. Dominic traveled to Rome to receive Papal approval of his new community, the Order of Preachers (aka “Dominicans”). In 1217, Pope Honorius III officially confirmed the new order, calling the Dominicans “the friars preachers” and “his special sons.”

San Sisto holds a special place in the heart of every Dominican, for it was in this monastery that angels appeared in 1218 and fed the friars after they had given away to beggars, what they themselves had received, after a day of preaching. After praying grace in the monastery’s refectory (dining room), Angels miraculously appeared and delivered portions of bread and wine to each of the friars. The event serves as a reminder of the special providence and love that God has for all those who follow Him.

Once the Dominican Order had been established, the Pope asked St. Dominic to form a community

of women religious in Rome, bringing together nuns from existing monasteries. St. Dominic befriended the community at *Santa Maria in Tempulo*, and convinced them to join his new Roman monastery at Santo Sisto Vecchio, founded in 1221. The nuns were the guardians of an ancient icon known as the Madonna di San Luca (also known as “la Avvocata”, and by the Russian Orthodox as the “Lyddan Madonna”). This image has undergone radio-carbon testing that dates it to the first century since it uses the encaustic method, a technique used only in Egypt until 394. The image style, with its rounded face and large eyes, is distinctly Syrian. All of this supports the historical validity of the Sisters’ claim that the icon was painted by St. Luke himself. For this reason, it is also known as the Madonna of St. Luke.

The icon is revered for its miraculous history. In the early 900’s, Pope Sergius III decided that the icon would be best venerated by the people of Rome if it was moved to St. John Lateran, Rome’s cathedral. The day after the icon was moved, to both the Pope and the Sisters’ surprise, the icon was found again with the nuns of *Santa Maria in Tempulo*, making it clear that she wished to be with the community of nuns. In light of this history, the nuns gave St. Dominic an ultimatum. They would only join his new community if their icon remained with them. On February 28, 1221, St. Dominic himself carried the holy icon in procession to San Sisto Vecchio, and then received the profession of vows of the first Dominican nuns of the new Roman monastery.



St. Dominic blessing some of the first nuns in Bologna, Italy. Credit: Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P.

The icon and Sisters remained at San Sisto until the sixteenth century. At that time the buildings were deemed beyond repair and the neighborhood stricken with malaria. The nuns moved nearer to the city center, to the newly constructed monastery of Santi Domenico e Sisto. The Virgin Advocata moved with them, and was displayed in an elaborate reredos of the new church, now the chapel of the university, adjacent to the choir chapel of the nuns (now of the friars). For over three hundred years, the icon and sisters blessed the grounds of Largo Angelicum with their Dominican presence and prayers.

In 1871, with the fall of the Papal States and the confiscation of Church property by the Italian state, the Dominican nuns were confined to a small portion of the monastery. The rest became the seat of the Fondo per il Culto, the government agency that administered the property confiscated from the Church. Later, in 1928, the Order of Preachers bought the property from the State, and the nuns were transferred to their current home on Monte Mario. In 1932, the friars transferred the then named Pontifical College Angelicum from its prior site to its present home built for the nuns by St. Pius V in 1575. The reacquired property had now become the international theological college for the Dominican Order, under the patronage of the Angelic Doctor, St. Thomas Aquinas, and would later be elevated to the status of a pontifical university, becoming the Angelicum we know and love today.

In this 800th jubilee, we recognize the prayers and faithful witness of the Dominican nuns who lived and prayed in what is today our university and convent. St. Dominic founded the cloistered nuns first, before the friars, as he understood well the power of their prayers for the mission of evangelization. Today, the spirit of the Dominican tradition is evident in the faces of the many Dominican sisters from around the world who study, teach, and serve at the Angelicum. In addition, the University actively works with religious superiors from across the globe to form new educational opportunities for the sisters.

Today, as a Pontifical University of the Dominican Order, the Angelicum remains at the service of the Dominican family, sharing in the Order's mission worldwide. We continue to count on the prayers of our Dominican nuns and we honor the mission of unceasing prayer, which is at the heart of the Dominican Order as we rejoice together with the entire Dominican family in this special jubilee. St. Dominic, pray for us!



Icon of the Madonna di San Luca

An Adventure of Faith: Christopher Owens, STL (cand.)

Angelicum alumnus Christopher Owens, Chief of Staff at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (DSPT) in Berkeley, CA (USA), is a theologian, husband, and father of 5 whose mission to help form Catholic laity has been strengthened by the Dominican tradition.

Owens, a Catholic convert from North Carolina (USA), realized something while spending a year on mission in Scotland in 2006 that “if I was going to be an effective evangelizer and missionary, I needed more formation.” After earning a Master of Sacred Theology at the International Theological Institute in Austria, he moved with his family in 2015 to Rome to study at the Angelicum.

“I wanted to continue my formation in the Thomistic tradition, and there are not too many places in the world where you can do that...particularly with the integration of faith and reason, engaging in contemporary discourse,” said Owens. At the invitation of a Dominican priest to “come and see” the Angelicum, Owens felt at home instantly. “I loved the university cloister, the joy of the students, the intermingling of religious and lay...it was very hospitable.”

Owens’ experience at the Angelicum was everything he had hoped for. Particularly memorable were classes with Frs. Holtz, Bonino, Blankenhorn, and Senner (+) and courses in medieval studies, which gave him access to Vatican Archive manuscripts. Angelicum faculty

supported his professional development; with the recommendation from the Dean of Theology, Sr. Catherine Joseph, O.P., Owens taught at St. John’s University’s Rome campus from 2015-2018.

After completing his time of study at the Angelicum, Owens returned to the U.S. in 2018 to continue his mission to the laity. He served as Director of the Office of Family and Faith Formation in the Diocese of Sacramento, California, where he collaborated with Fr. Michael Sweeney, O.P. to implement a diocesan program on the lay mission in the Church. They also developed a proposal for a hybrid M.A. in Theology for Ecclesial Mission (MATHem), a program for laity at DSPT, the Western Dominican Province’s center of studies, where Owens is now Chief of Staff.

Owens said moving to DSPT was “a great affirmation of that same homecoming...I had found at the Angelicum. Here, I am working alongside the friars in preaching the Gospel for the salvation of souls. The Angelicum prepared me well for working with clergy and laity alike.”

Owens encourages students to consider the value of an Angelicum education: “Come to Rome to find a mission, to be immersed in the Tradition, as exemplified by Thomas Aquinas and lived by the sons and daughters of Dominic. And be sent out for an adventure of faith, because you never know where the Lord will lead you.”

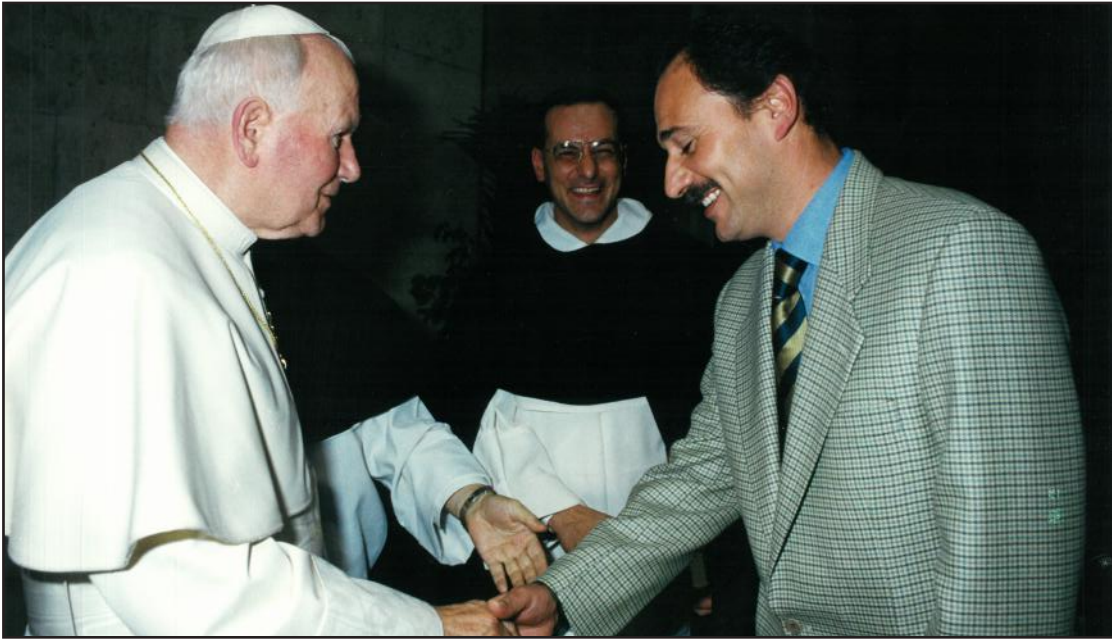
More information about the work of the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in the Western USA can be found at www.dspt.edu.



*Christopher with his family at the Baptism of their son this spring.
Credit: Sean Bryan*

In his own words:

Luigi Stacchi on 37 years of faithful service to the Angelicum



*Luigi meets Pope John Paul II in 1994
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“Thirty-seven years and four months have passed since I first arrived to the Angelicum. I had just turned 27 when I started working in the General Secretariat. To give you an idea of how long ago that was, a few months after starting work, I remember buying an electronic typewriter, a real luxury at the time. I had never experienced an environment like the Angelicum. Everything was new to me. Just think, it was a major challenge to even understand the status of a student. Priest, sister, seminarian, religious or lay person - these were all new terms for me. Eventually I could immediately recognize a student the moment they entered our office. Oh how I appreciated when a former student would stop by the Angelicum to say hello on a trip to Rome - many times a number of years later.

One memory that stands out was meeting Mother (Saint) Teresa of Calcutta. It was completely unexpected because she and two of her sisters just showed up at the Angelicum without the slightest notice, to ask about studies. The Administrator asked for my help with translation, since he did not know English. That is a moment that I will remember all my life; she was small of stature, but incredibly strong. Another significant memory was in 1994, when St. John Paul II honored us with his second

visit to his Roman alma Mater. It was a great joy, and we had been preparing for several months. I remember well that day - a frenzy of activity from early morning. After all, it is not every day that you receive the Holy Father! In addition to observing the program according to our university protocols, the Holy Father stopped to talk, and even joke with whomever he encountered - he truly felt at home. He remembered a number of the friars. No one wanted to miss the stories he shared from his days at the Angelicum. Towards the end of that event, according to custom, the academic authorities, staff, community of friars and finally the non-teaching staff were able to greet the Holy Father and pose for customary photos. When it was my turn, some of the students applauded so loudly that John Paul II looked in amazement at Fr. Kaczyński, the Rector and his compatriot, and Fr. Esposito, the Secretary General - both standing next to him. I spontaneously said, “Your Holiness, they are too kind.” Living these experiences was truly a great privilege. My one wish and prayer for the Angelicum Family, is that you all will continue to pursue the university’s goal: the mission of education and working for the common good.”

Thank you, Luigi, from the entire Angelicum family!

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rector Magnificus, Fr. Michał Paluch, O.P. completed his 4-year term and the Master of the Order is expected to appoint a new rector in July 2021.

To celebrate the Order's 800th Jubilee, a student team organized *Communitas 2021: Preaching and the Arts*. The *Communitas* project is an annual inter-faculty conference on a topic of importance for our day.

Annual Val McInnes Lecture: "Dominicans as *defensores fidei* (defenders of the Faith)" by Fr. Serge-Thomas Bonino, O.P. took place on May 15. The address can be accessed via the Angelicum's YouTube channel and will appear in the next issue. The Angelicum welcomes Fr. Anthony Akinwale, O.P. (Province of Nigeria) as the 2021-22 Val McInnes chairholder.

The Angelicum is excited to launch a new study abroad program in the Spring 2022 semester in collaboration with the US Thomistic Institute in Washington, D.C. This one-semester program is open to students currently enrolled in a university-level degree program. All courses and program activities will be in English. (ThomisticInstitute.org/study-abroad-program)

The Angelicum's Thomistic Institute launched the first European campus events in the French and Spanish languages. A new TI student chapter in Beijing, China was also launched in April, in cooperation with the US Thomistic Institute and the University of Notre Dame. (ANGELICUM.it/Thomistic-Institute)

The Angelicum's Institute of Ecumenical Studies established a partnership of ecumenical collaboration with the International Hellenic University (Salonico, Greece), to promote joint projects that support the ongoing ecumenical dialogue with the Orthodox Churches.

The St. John De Matha Chair on Religious Freedom was launched by the Mater Ecclesiae Advanced Institute of Religious Studies / Faculty of Theology in cooperation with the Trinitarian Order to raise awareness and scholarship around the issues of Religious Liberty and Persecuted Christians.

Marc Cardinal Ouellet, Prefect of the Congregation for Bishops, and alumnus ('76) celebrated the Mass for our university celebration of St. Thomas Aquinas. Fr. Giuseppe Barzaghi, O.P. of the province of San Domenico in Italia also presented: *Mythos - Logos - Anagogia - a Thomistic Path for a Renewal in Theology*.

Extraordinary financial aid for new students will be offered for the Fall 2021 semester. Email us to learn more: development@pust.it

Internal renovations of the 4th Wing of the Convent will be completed by October 2021 allowing us to respond to a waiting list of international Dominican friars wishing to live and study at the Angelicum.

Fr. Benedict Croell, O.P. will be chaplain for a Pilgrimage (206tours.com) to the Holy Land with Scott and Kimberly Hahn from March 11-20, 2022.



We were able to hold classes "in presence" for the majority of the semester, while everyone maintained a good sense of humor and gratitude for the gift of community.

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