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# Advancing the Mission

**Dear Friends and Alumni,  
welcome to the second issue of THE ANGELICUM!  
A new master, a new administrator, two new deans and major  
renovations are the latest excitement from Rome.**

This past summer in Vietnam the Order of Preachers elected the 87th successor to Saint Dominic, Fr. Gerard Timoner OP, former provincial of the province of the Philippines. The first Asian master of the Dominican Order, he lives a short 25 minute walk away at Santa Sabina on the Aventine Hill, in the same convent where the Angelicum traces its origins. There, Aquinas taught in the first studium generale (Dominican international seminary) which today, some 750 years later, has become our university.

We are happy to have Fr. Samuel Forero, O.P., our new Administrator who has arrived from the province of Colombia. He brings with him significant experience from academic institutions, including seminary formation.

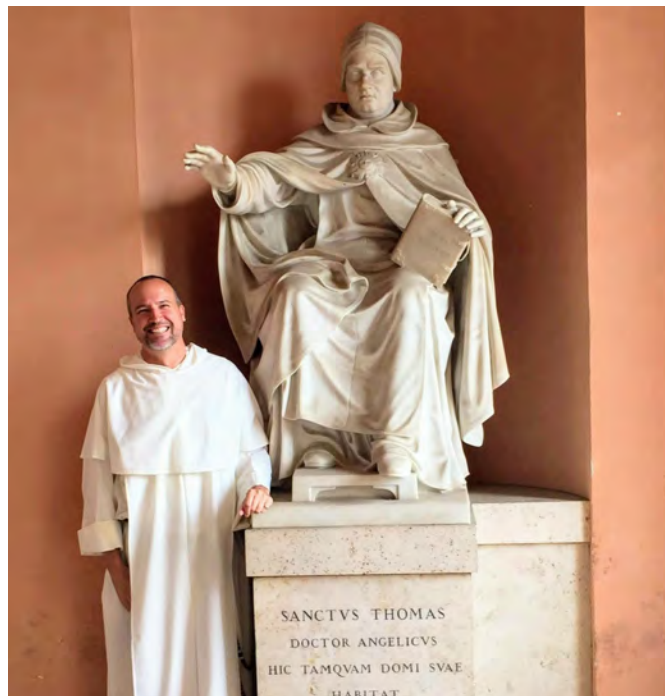
We are delighted to announce the Vatican's Pontifical Congregation for Education has confirmed two of our recent elections for a new Dean of Theology, Sr. Catherine Joseph Droste, O.P. and a new Dean of Canon Law, Fr. Loïc-Marie Le Bot, O.P. Sr. Catherine Joseph is a member of the Congregation of Saint Cecilia (Nashville Dominican Sisters) and Fr. Loïc-Marie is the former provincial of the Province of Toulouse.

With gratitude for the generosity of significant donors and various branches of the Order worldwide, a major gift was given to the university for internal restructuring and renovations of the 4th wing of the Angelicum cloister. The work in progress is expected to be completed by the summer of 2020.

Now one year in, as director of Development & Mission Advancement, I am convinced more than ever that the Angelicum is a worthy cause to support! The command of Jesus Christ, "Go therefore and teach all nations (Mt. 28:19) is being fulfilled as our beloved students work hard so that when they return home they will share the saving mysteries of our Faith to many thousands over a lifetime.

***ACTION ITEM: We would like to appeal to each of you in this issue to help us take the next step. Would you consider making a MONTHLY donation? It ensures we are able to plan properly. Or would you consider helping us underwrite the cost of producing this new magazine? (\$7K each semester). We have plans to hire a part-time employee in Rome. Perhaps you would like to help us underwrite or contribute towards this? Please use the enclosed envelope or donate at ANGELICUM.it/GIVE. I would be happy to send you my report of what was accomplished my first year. Thank you!***

Did you know that half of our students are priests and seminarians? They will become pastors, rectors of seminaries, professors, bishops, cardinals and even popes! Did we tell you that Pope Saint John Paul II, and soon to be beatified Venerable Fulton J. Sheen are among our distinguished



FR. BENEDICT CROELL, O.P. WITH OUR PATRON AT ANGELICUM ENTRANCE

alumni?

But our lay students and religious brothers and sisters are also leaders in the Church worldwide. In this issue, our vice-rector, Sr. Helen Alford, O.P. shares about our Social Sciences' innovative program for recent immigrants into Italy which is bridging the gap between Eastern and Western Europe in challenging times.

You will also find stories on the recent Donor "Come & See" Homecoming, recent US alumni gatherings, the assistance of the Ann Arbor Dominican Sisters (for whom I am EXTREMELY grateful), our new interns from Italy and America, and much more! It is thanks to volunteers (such as Marc Williams, student photographer) that this issue has come together before Christmas so that you all might be able to make your year-end donation via the International Dominican Foundation (ANGELICUM.it/GIVE - or envelope).

Finally, there is an article about one of our beloved professors, Fr. Marius Zerafa O.P., and the incredible turn of events of how he helped to recover a stolen Caravaggio from the Maltese mafia. Fr. Zerafa just turned 90 years.

Grateful to all of you,

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# A NEW BEAUTY AND VISIBILITY: FROM THE RECTOR

On behalf of our university community at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas, I send you greetings in the first semester of the 2019-20 academic year. With the gift of a new Grand Chancellor, a new Administrator, new Deans of Theology and Canon Law, new professors and new students from all over the world, the Angelicum is poised to become the strongest academic institution in teaching the wisdom and thought of our brother, Thomas Aquinas from the heart of the Church. It is a lofty mission, but one that we have been called to do courageously by our Savior, Jesus Christ.



FR. MICHAŁ PALUCH, O.P., RECTOR MAGNIFICUS

It is only through the cooperation and generosity of our friends and the Dominican Order worldwide that we will be able to do this. We recognize our tradition and desire to make the Angelicum flourish with a new beauty and visibility. I want to thank, in particular, the donors and the various provinces, vicariates and other entities of the Order like the University of Santo Tomas (Manila) throughout the world that have helped us to find a foundational gift which triggered a major gift for the internal renovations of the 4th wing of our university cloister. Your generosity is enabling us to teach for generations to come. More is still needed as you can imagine. We count on your prayers and support to join us as we take the next steps to fulfill this mission.



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# How Angelicum Professor Recovered a Priceless Caravaggio

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BY: ALESSIA BUONPANE, JOHN CABOT UNIVERSITY

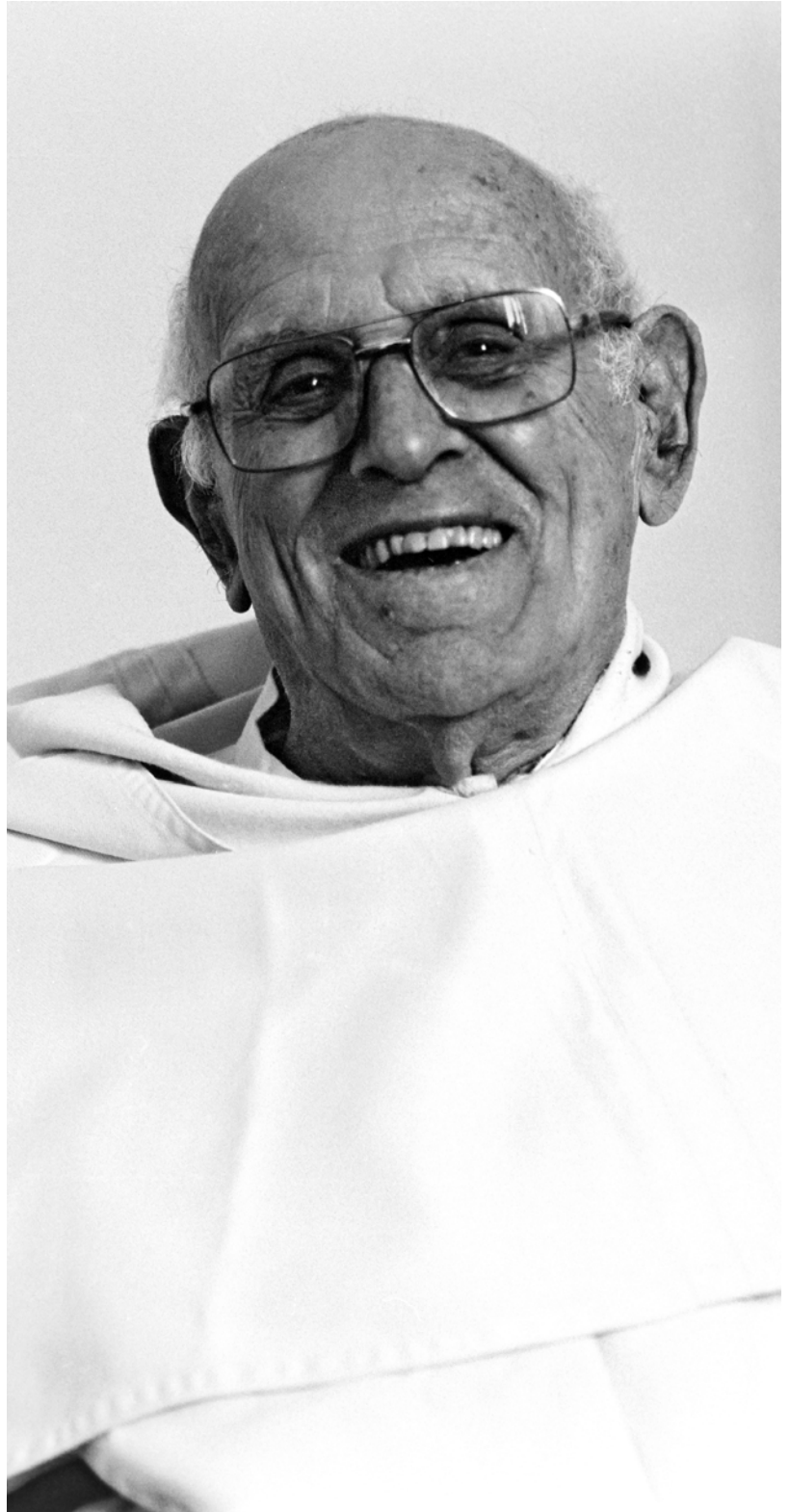
In an incredible turn of events, under Divine Providence, the Maltese Dominican and Angelicum professor, Fr. Marius Zerafa O.P., was instrumental in the recovery of one of the most famous paintings of Caravaggio.

Fr. Zerafa has just celebrated his 90th birthday. He joined the Dominican order in 1945 at fifteen years of age through the encouragement of St. George Preca, a famous Maltese diocesan priest. As a man of many interests and talents, even beyond his studies in philosophy and theology, Fr. Zerafa has degrees in art history, social sciences, literature and history. When he is not lecturing at the Angelicum, he can be found fulfilling speaking invitations around Europe.

With a huge smile on his face, Fr. Zerafa shared his role in the recovery of Caravaggio's Saint Jerome after it had been stolen by the thieves. Opening his wallet and pulling out a strip of paper to recount the fundamental details, Fr. Zerafa recalled those memorable days of 1984. Caravaggio's Saint Jerome had been stolen from the co-Cathedral of Saint John in Valletta, Malta. At the time, Fr. Zerafa was the head of the Maltese National Museums.

One day, an inconspicuous gentleman approached him to deliver an envelope with a polaroid of the missing Caravaggio, which had been stolen some two years before. As Fr. Marius recounts, the thieves warned him not to speak with the police. They were asking for half a million Maltese lire (today \$1 million) to return the painting. Fr. Zerafa negotiated and managed to reduce the price to one-third of what was originally asked in a ploy to keep the conversation moving. As the days passed, the thieves called Father three times each day checking on the status of their request. They even sent him a chopped fragment of the painting as proof they had it in their possession.

As Fr. Zerafa humorously recounted in his book *Caravaggio Diaries* (2004), "It was easier to deal with the mafia than with the ministers and Monsignors!" The Government and Church authorities had not really taken seriously the case of the missing Caravaggio. The mafia at least, were willing to talk.



FR. MARIUS ZERAFA, O.P. (PHOTO CREDIT: PROVINCE OF MALTA 2019 ©)

Thanks to an anonymous young man who was an expert in technology, Fr. Zerafa managed to get back Caravaggio's St. Jerome. He had been told by the police to maintain consistent contact with the thieves. This enabled the young man to trace the telephone calls to a shoe factory. The police were able to arrest the thieves and rescue the painting. Later, it was discovered that the thieves had paid a large amount of money to have Fr. Zerafa kidnapped; the rescue had occurred just in time. Unfortunately, the Caravaggio painting of St. Jerome was found to be quite damaged. The Italian embassy gave Fr. Zerafa a military plane to transport the painting to Rome in order to be restored professionally and then returned to Malta. Today the painting is safely housed once more in the Co-Cathedral of St. John in Valletta - thanks to the significant help offered by Fr. Marius Zerafa, O.P.!



SAINT JEROME WRITING, 1607, CARAVAGGIO. (PHOTO CREDIT TO FR. MARIUS ZERAF, O.P. 2019 ©)

# The Vice Rector of the Angelicum Speaks about the “STRONG Program”

BY: ALESSIA BUONOPANE, JOHN CABOT UNIVERSITY

Migration is a central issue for the majority of the world. For years now the Faculty of Social Sciences in the Angelicum has been developing and improving a program to support migrant students in obtaining the best education that a pontifical university can provide. The program, under the direction of the Vice Rector, Sr. Helen Alford O.P., and now called “STRONG”, focuses on helping migrants and their families, so that they can become social problem-solvers and changemakers, improving social cohesion and strengthening the local communities of which they form a part. STRONG scholarship holders can complete their previous education, improve their job opportunities, tackle their marginalized status and improve their sense of self-worth, all within a program constructed on the basis of Catholic Social Teaching and the long Dominican tradition of Christian social ethics based on the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas. Many of our students are Orthodox Christians and a growing number of Muslims. All of them learn to appreciate the Catholic tradition as part of their formation.

The letters of the program's name, STRONG, form an acronym of its six main activities. The “S” refers to the “Selection” process. Many organizations that are close to the migrant communities are involved in finding the best candidates for our program, both by getting the message out to migrants that this opportunity exists, and in providing references for candidates who present themselves for scholarship funding. Every person who makes an application for a scholarship has an interview with Sr. Helen and other Angelicum professors. This year, over 30 students were interviewed over three days for the 11 scholarships that were available. Even if we cannot give every applicant a scholarship, by supporting them through the application process and giving them the personal attention of an in-depth interview, we can help them grow in confidence and find a way forward for their lives. The “T” is for “Training,” which refers to the actual courses that the students follow with us. “R” is for “Research;” students work with a professor on a new topic in order to deepen



SR. HELEN ALFORD, O.P., VICE RECTOR  
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our understanding of the challenges that migrants face and to explore the contributions they make to their host society. In 2019 the research project concerned migrant entrepreneurs. One of the most interesting results is that migrants who start up businesses, are quick to employ Italians; we realised that this is because Italian employees help them to gain market penetration. This result is a good example of how the program helps both the local Roman community and the migrants living in Rome to realize how much they can help each other. The “O” stands for “Orientation” to the workplace, and includes growing in “active citizenship;” the students learn how to become more involved citizens through volunteering and various internship opportunities. “N” refers to “Networking;” an ever-larger group of associations, businesses and local service providers who promote the STRONG program support the students in it and gain access to well-educated new talent for their own organizations. Finally, “C” stands for “Global Monitoring and Control” through which the whole program is professionally managed and improved.

Tatiana Nogailic is an Angelicum success story of the STRONG program. “She is a ray of sunshine with a heart centered on doing good for others,” says Sr. Helen. A native of Moldova, Tatiana was one of the first students registered in the program in 2007. As a single mother with very little support from elsewhere, Tatiana found in the Angelicum a place where she could grow and start to realize her dreams. Through her studies, she learned how to pioneer cultural and economic exchange between Moldova and Italy. Her many activities in this field include a social enterprise in Moldova that produces honey which is then commercialized in Italy. The funds generated support orphaned Moldovan children. Tatiana is the president of the Association of Moldavian Women in Italy, an organization which advocates for women in the workplace and society at large while maintaining active links with the Moldovan Church, embassy and media. Through people such as Tatiana, the Moldovan culture is made better known in Italy and in the wider world.



TATIANA NOGAILIC (PHOTO CREDIT: TATIANA NOGAILIC 2019 © )



FR. THOMAS JOSEPH WHITE, O.P. INTRODUCES GUESTS IN AULA MAGNA (PHOTO CREDIT: ANGELICUM ALL RIGHTS RESERVED 2019 ©)

# Newman the Prophet: A Saint for Our Times

**OFFICIAL CONFERENCE FOR THE CANONIZATION OF ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN HELD AT THE ANGELICUM**

On October 13, 2019, Cardinal John Henry Newman was canonized in St. Peter's square. Thousands of pilgrims, including the Prince of Wales representing the Queen of England, came from around the world to honor this great saint. Newman is a saint known for his love of knowledge, his relentless pursuit of truth, and his courage to follow his conscience even at great personal cost.

Newman was born into a faithful protestant family in London. He studied at Oxford University and then returned to teach and preach there as an Anglican minister. He became renowned as a leader of the Oxford Movement, which sought to return the Church of England to its pre-Reformation beliefs and rituals. Eventually, Newman's desire to return to the true Church founded by Jesus Christ, led to his conversion to Catholicism.

The Angelicum hosted the official conference for the canonization, Newman the Prophet: A Saint for Our Times. Speakers included Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham; Archbishop Anthony Fisher, O.P. of Sydney ; Dean of Theology ; Sister Catherine Joseph Droste O.P., dean of the Theology at the Angelicum; Dr. Tracey Rowland from Australia's University of Notre Dame; Fr. Guy Nicholls, a priest of the Birmingham Oratory and founder of the John Henry Newman Institute of Liturgical Music; George Weigel, the official biographer of Pope Saint John Paul II; and Dr. Thomas Farr of the Religious Freedom Institute.

The celebratory symposium looked at Newman's influence on the modern world. Using Newman's writings as well as his lived witness, the speakers showed how his teachings are especially applicable to our current times. They reflected on Newman's understanding of the primacy of conscience and truth, on what it means to engage in thoughtful belief, and on what a university ought to be.

"In our day, when an intellectual and moral relativism threatens to sap the very foundations of our society," Archbishop Fisher commented, "Newman reminds us that, as men and women made in the image and likeness of God, we were created to know the truth and find in that truth the ultimate freedom and deepest fulfillment." Newman's life was a testimony to this. His one desire was to know God's will, to follow it, and no matter the personal cost, to give his life entirely to that "kindly light" of God. The conference attendees were moved and inspired by Newman's witness.

Special thanks to the Oratorians and Fr. Thomas Joseph White, O.P., Director of the Thomistic Institute at the Angelicum.



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# An Angelicum Homecoming

BY: GARRETT QUIGLEY, ANGELICUM

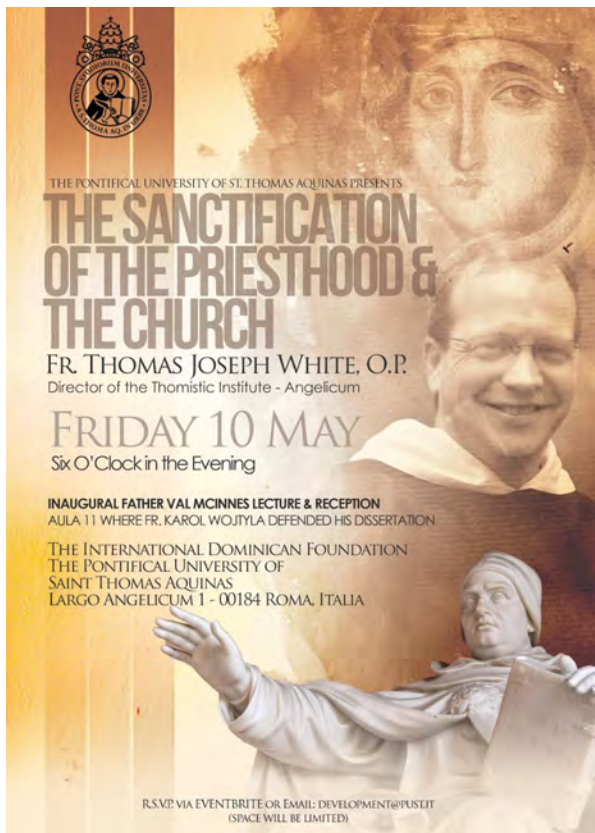


(LEFT TO RIGHT) JOHN F. CARRERE RECEIVES THE ST. THOMAS AQUINAS AWARD FROM IDF PRESIDENT, FR. ALLEN MORAN O.P. AND THE RECTOR, FR. MICHAL PALUCH O.P. (PHOTO CREDIT: ANGELICUM ALL RIGHTS RESERVED 2019 ©)

“Hoc enim est novam ecclesiam construere! Herein you are constructing a new Church...” This was a claim made by Tommaso de Vio Cajetan, O.P. in conversation with Martin Luther, during a debate between the two men which took place in 1518. Luther sought to highlight the value of the individual act of faith for the forgiveness of sins, but in doing so he began to relativize the place of sacramental mediations, including the sacrament of confession. In many ways the two responses of these pivotal figures to the Church’s crisis in the 16th century was predictive of distinct ways that Christianity has developed in the modern era. Cajetan’s view of the sacraments and salvation was more collective or communitarian, and implies that there is a continual need to renew and promote the Roman Catholic priesthood at the service of all the faithful. Fr. Thomas Joseph White, O.P. recalled this pivotal debate during the inaugural Fr. Val McInnes Lecture, titled, “The Sanctification of the Priesthood in Our Age,” which he delivered on May 10, 2019, at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, The Angelicum, in Rome, as part of this year’s “Angelicum Homecoming,” an opportunity for alumni and benefactors to “come and see” the University and spend a few days experiencing Rome.

Mr. John F. Carrere and family, who hail from New Orleans, Louisiana, had known the late Fr. Val McInnes, O.P.—or Fr. Val, as he was commonly called—for many years, ever since he was assigned as a Catholic chaplain at nearby Tulane University. Mr. Carrere, and his family who were present, were recognized at the start of the evening, just before Fr. White took the microphone to speak.

Fr. White began by clarifying this divergence between the traditional Thomistic understanding of the priesthood with the “new” understanding that gradually developed out of the European humanism of the early Modern period and took shape. The main difference which he highlighted was how Cajetan and Luther understood the role of the priest in the mediation of God’s grace.



THE SANCTIFICATION OF THE PRIESTHOOD IN OUR AGE (CREDIT DESIGN: MONROE MEDIA 2019 ©)

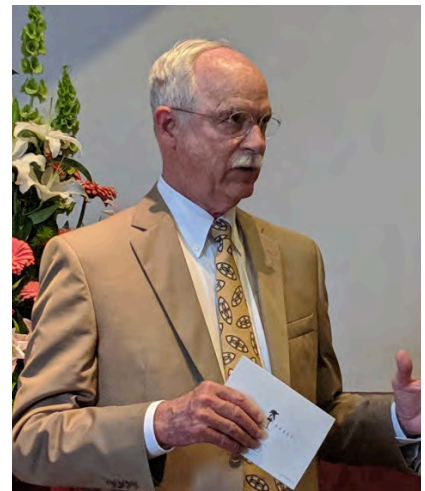
However, it is another, albeit not unrelated, problem that afflicts the priesthood in our own day. According to Fr. White, the core question of our own age concerns the authentic use and range of human freedom. What does it mean to be free and how can we use our freedom constructively? Many of our disputes about human sexuality and bioethics have to do with claims about our freedom with regard to our bodies and our embodied life in society. The Church's teachings on bioethics and sexual temperance are often seen as repressive or as delimiting human freedom. However, these teachings are paradoxically crucial to our understanding of the deepest flourishing of our human freedom. After all, there is an openly acknowledged ethical and philosophical crisis in modern academic discourse regarding the question of the right use of human freedom. This touches directly upon the topic of whether we can meaningfully live our lives in view of religious goals. If human freedom can have good uses, and religious ones that nourish union with God, then there are also disciplines associated with our decisions, in view of virtues, moral excellence, so that we use our freedom well in view of authentic and profound happiness.

The arguments of Cajetan and Luther were in large part about the "descending mediations" of the Catholic priesthood: the priest as a source of sacramental grace and mediation in the office of teaching. But there is also an "ascending mediation" insofar as the priesthood is about demonstrating a faithful witness to the revelation of God, and the importance of a life lived from and for the love of God. This latter kind of mediation has to be coupled with the former in every age. However,

it is especially important in a time when there is a crisis of discernment regarding the best uses of human freedom. To be free for God is the most important aim of life, according to the teaching of Christ. Consequently the priesthood today has to be reformed not merely by recourse to laws but by recourse to an inward dynamic of freedom under grace, in living consecration to God.

Fr. White concluded by decrying what he called "the heresy of aimlessness," a view which permeates the landscape of modern liberatarian discourse, and pushes the idea that human freedom has no proper end as such, but merely exists at our own service. The role of the priesthood has never been primarily political, social or material. Rather, it is the mystical medium by which all people are sanctified, and would be truly aimless if not for the Church. Consequently the priest's mediating role in the Church functions rightly when it is aimed at the collective life of grace, the truth and the love of God, and serves the common good.

A few moments after his speech ended, the Carrere family gathered up front to



JOHN F. CARRERE ADDRESSES THE GATHERING (PHOTO CREDIT: ANGELICUM ALL RIGHTS RESERVED 2019 ©)



FR. THOMAS JOSEPH WHITE O.P. (PHOTO CREDIT: ANGELICUM ALL RIGHTS RESERVED 2019 ©)

receive the St. Thomas Aquinas Award in thanksgiving for their generous donation to the University, which, according to Carrere, would not have been made had he not noticed an advertisement in the inaugural issue of *The Angelicum* for the lecture bearing the namesake of his old friend.

The lecture, which garnered so many attendees that it required being moved to a much larger space, began a little after six o'clock in the evening and was followed by a sunset aperitivo with drinks and hors d'oeuvres in the courtyard of the University. During this time, guests were able to enjoy the mild Roman evening while conversing about the importance of the lecture.

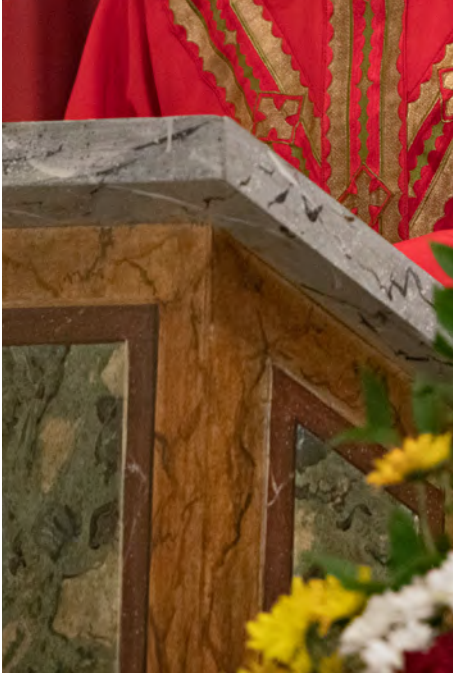
In a conversation with *The Angelicum*, Carrere remarked that his awareness and appreciation for the University continue to grow since his family's visit. Thanks to the Carrere's, Fr. White, and many others, Divine Providence helped them all to contribute in their own way to making the "Angelicum Homecoming" of 2019 a success.



## NEW MASTER GENERAL OF THE DOMINICAN ORDER OPENS THE ACADEMIC YEAR

On July 13th, 2019, the Order of Preachers elected the eighty-seventh successor to St. Dominic. Three months after his election, Fr. Gerard Francisco Parco Timoner III, O.P. preached at the Angelicum's Mass of the Holy Spirit to begin the new academic year. Father Gerard made it clear he had one goal only as the new master of the Order and as Grand Chancellor of the Angelicum: to preach the Gospel.

Fr. Gerard is originally from the Philippines and the first Asian Master of the Order. Asia is the birthplace of all the major world religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. Sixty percent of the world's population lives in Asia and of that percentage, only a minority are Catholics. The result, Fr. Gerard



FR. GERARD FRANCISCO PARCO TIMONER III, O.P. MASTER OF THE ORDER OF PREACHERS, DELIVERS THE HOMILY FOR THE MASS OPENING THE ACADEMIC YEAR.



FR. SAMUEL FORERO, O.P., FR. GERARD TIMONER, O.P., HIS EMINENCE KURT CARDINAL KOCH, AND FR. MICHAL PALUCH, O.P. AT THE UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE

said, is "in Asia, theologians developed what they call The theology of harmony, how to be in dialogue and in harmony with people of different faiths." This perspective of peaceful dialogue is one that Fr. Gerard brings to his leadership. At the same time, the Master brings a strong passion and love for the faith; his greatest desire is to preach the Gospel.



FR. GERARD FRANCISCO PARCO TIMONER III, O.P. MASTER OF THE ORDER OF PREACHERS AND SR. CATHERINE JOSEPH DROSTE, O.P. (PHOTO CREDIT: ANGELICUM ALL RIGHTS RESERVED 2019 ©)

The new Master of the Order is proud of his Dominican heritage and of the tremendous good he sees happening through the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas. He reflected on the gift that a religious order brings to both the academic world and all of humanity: "Essential to our preaching of the Gospel is a community, because living in a community is in itself the preaching of the Gospel and it is part of the acts of the Apostles. The community of believers--of one heart and one mind--proclaims the Gospel."

For the students and staff of the university, Fr. Gerard's presence at the opening Mass was certainly a sign of this community. It was great to come together as one Dominican family, celebrating the start of a new academic year. May the Spirit's presence continue to inspire our new Master General and all who enter the doors of this university.

# NEW DEAN OF THEOLOGY: CAPTIVATED BY THE BEAUTY OF TRUTH

“We have to teach beauty, as Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI stated. We have to present the beauty to the world today, because many often won’t listen to merely logical arguments. As a university, that’s what we’re doing: we’re forming other theologians who have been captivated by the beauty of truth and who can share it with others.” Sr. Catherine Joseph Droste, OP a member of the Dominican Sisters of the Congregation of St. Cecilia in Nashville, Tennessee, stated these words when asked about her new position as Dean of the Faculty of Theology at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum).



SR. CATHERINE JOSEPH DROSTE O.P. (PHOTO CREDIT: ANGELICUM ALL RIGHTS RESERVED 2019 ©)

A native of Iowa, Sister studied theology at the Angelicum and several years later, after having served in various capacities in the Congregation’s schools and college in the United States of America, returned to teach. Since 2011 she has served as a Professor of Theology as well as Vice Dean of the Faculty.

Sr. Catherine, as her students call her, stresses that her primary role as the new Dean is to serve the students and to support the faculty as they collaborate in strengthening the Theology program. She is keenly aware that she has been entrusted with a venerable history. She is also conscious that the Angelicum is helping to form future leaders and theologians in the Church. One of the challenges of being a theologian in the modern world is that teachers and preachers must not only be experts in the content of the faith, but also skilled in presenting the faith to others in a way that is compassionate and engaging.

Sr. Catherine Joseph is known for her strong passion and dedication. When asked to share her insights on the role of the University, she answered with simplicity and clarity, “We love Saint Thomas and we love the Dominican Order. It is with this as a foundation that we serve the Church. I think the greatest contribution the Angelicum can give to the Church today is to be what it was founded to be.”

What touched Joanne Hazelwood most on her first ever visit to the Angelicum was the unique environment of prayer and scholarship that permeates the campus.

Joanne, a mother of three with three grandchildren from Tennessee, owns businesses in the transportation industry. In 2015, Joanne's daughter did an internship in the office of Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums, handling all their social media. Joanne came to know the Angelicum through our alumna, Jill Alexy who serves as a Vatican tour guide. Jill shared with Joanne how our university is unique in the Eternal City because of a personal style of instruction and deep, meaningful interactions between students and professors.

Intrigued, Joanne recently decided to visit and she recalls how as soon as she entered the campus, she felt a sense of peace come over her. The "hustle and bustle" of Rome disappeared into an oasis of peace. The Adoration chapel in particular touched her deeply. The university's chapel is "a different type of spiritual feeling that is welcoming, warm, and seems like a home." A source of reflection and spiritual refreshment within the university cloister for all the students, professors, friars and visitors, it is the kind of place that Joanne realized on her recent visit, is conducive to reflection - even for a business owner, a mother and a wife.

"I recommend those reading this to consider giving back by donating to the Angelicum through the International Dominican Foundation. It is a donation that will affect generations to come." Joanne has plans one day to bring her children and grandchildren to visit the Angelicum and to be able to say, "my family was a part of this."

Planning a trip to Rome? Come and visit the Angelicum, by contacting Fr. Benedict Croell OP +1.202.642.3597 to organize a visit.



JOANNE HAZELWOOD OF NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (PHOTO CREDIT: CASEY PROFETTO 2019 ©)

## SUPPORTING THE ANGELICUM- UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT OF PRAYER AND SCHOLARSHIP

### Liturgical schedule for the Angelicum

7:50 AM	Holy Mass in English	Choir
8:00 AM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (50na 6:20-9:0)	Adoration chapel
12:25 PM	Holy Mass in Italian	Choir
12:30 PM (Mon-Thur)	Confession in Italian and English	Church of SS. Dominic and Sixtus
12:30 PM (Mon-Thur)	Holy Mass Dominican rite & ancient Roman rite	Church of SS. Dominic and Sixtus
6:20 PM	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament	Adoration chapel

FR. BRYCE SIBLEY ('99) OF THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA



BISHOP JOHN PROVOST ('75) DIOCESE OF LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA



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## KNEEL AND KISS THE STONEMWORK

### *BISHOP GLEN JOHN PROVOST REMEMBERS THE ANGELICUM*

A number of years back, Angelicum alumnus Bishop John Provost of Lake Charles, Louisiana wrote a beautiful letter to one of his seminarians, now Fr. Bryce Sibley. He has given us permission to share in part some of this letter in which the Bishop relayed his fond memories of his Roman alma mater:

***I am sure that you will recognize many things about the quality of the place [Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas] that endeared it to me. First and foremost, it has “humanitas.” You learn theology by being taught by people who understand what it means “essere humano” [to be human]. The Dominicans are masters of it. Even the physical plant is inviting. The courtyard with the fountain, the aule opening up onto the courtyard, the professors’ rooms up above, the soft colors of tan, brown, terracotta, the soft or sometimes louder voices of students resonating through the vaulted ceilings--this and so much more remind you of “humanity” in its best sense.... The humanity of St. Thomas Aquinas manifested itself in the dignity of man, his graced self, not this crudity which passes itself off these days as “human.” I have an old 17th century engraving by Falda (who by the way did a set of engravings for Pope Alexander VII) in my collection...which shows the Angelicum as it looked then. Hardly anything has changed except the traffic and the attire of the people in the streets. There is something consoling about it, something well ordered and neat. There the teachers looked upon their students with compassion and understanding. There a smile from a professor indicated genuine good humor, not a hidden agenda. I remember my professors only with great affection. Please kneel and kiss the stonework of the courtyard for me!***

**YOU LEARN THEOLOGY BY BEING TAUGHT BY PEOPLE WHO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS “ESSERE HUMANO” [TO BE HUMAN].**

# WHAT'S NEW AT THE ANGE?



## FORMATION FOR ADVANCING ECUMENISM

### Inauguration of the Academic Year

A new Institute for Ecumenical Studies has been launched with the cooperation of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. The new program provides formation for clergy, religious, and laity and monthly lectures by notable ecumenical leaders of the Church.



## OFFICIAL CANONIZATION CONFERENCE ON SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

### Aula Magna

The Thomistic Institute - Angelicum was proud to host the official pre-canonization conference in Rome, Newman the Prophet: A Saint for our Times with over 750 participants. Among other TI-Angelicum conferences this semester: Aquinas on Creation and Nature and a follow-up event on Aquinas and Newman entitled What is the Development of Doctrine? Info on these and future activities can be found at [ANGELICUM.it/Thomistic-Institute](http://ANGELICUM.it/Thomistic-Institute).

**A New Opportunity**

The Order of Preachers, thinking with the Church, sees more clearly than ever the need for permanent (ongoing, on-going) formation.

This is one of all formations in the Christian life. Whatever our particular vocation, we are called to a life of permanent discipleship. Recent Church documents on priesthood and on consecrated life emphasize the essential character of permanent formation for those called to these forms of life.

Beginning in the second semester of the academic year 2019-2020, the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas in Rome, the Angelicum, will respond to this need in the Church by offering a Programme of Permanent Formation. Just one course is offered in 2019-2020 but our hope is to add to this in the coming years.

**Dominican Renewal Programme 2020**

The 2020 Programme will run from 12 February to 22 June\*\* and is offered in the first place to Dominican friars. Participants will design their own study plan in consultation with the Director of the programme. They will participate in a series of literature (masters) level courses as they wish in theology and philosophy\*\*.

They participate either as auditing students (without exams) or as regular students (taking exams). They will be free to join events organized by the University's institutes, the Spirituality Institute, the Thomistic Institute, and the Institute for Ecumenical Studies.

They will also have a dedicated weekly seminar as well as guided visits to the Dominican centres in Rome\*\*\*.

*\*\*For those sitting exams: For those not sitting exams: 12 February-29 May*

*\*\*\*Courses and seminars are offered in English (Philosophy and Theology) and Italian (Canon Law and Social Sciences) as well as Philosophy and Theology.*

*\*\*\*\*The language for the dedicated weekly seminar for 2020 will be English.*

**WHAT KIND OF COURSES?**

In the Dominican Order, the study of theology is a central part of the life of the friars. The Angelicum, in its tradition, offers a wide range of courses in theology and philosophy, as well as in the social sciences. The Angelicum offers a wide range of courses in theology and philosophy, as well as in the social sciences. The Angelicum offers a wide range of courses in theology and philosophy, as well as in the social sciences.

## PERMANENT FORMATION

Launching the Spring 2020 semester is a Continuing Formation Program offering a formative break from ministry including an experiential component of Rome's sacred and historic sites. The program will begin with Dominican Friars from around the world. Fr. Vivian Boland O.P. [Irish Dominican] will be the director.



## UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATOR

Master General of the Order (center) with Fr. Samuel Forero, O.P. (2nd from right) In The Summer Of 2019, Fr. Samuel Forero, O.P. Was Named The New Administrator of the university. coming from from colombia,, he brings a wealth of experience from other academic institutions.



## NEW DEAN

Fr. Loïc-Marie Le Bot, O.P., new dean of the faculty of Canon Law The Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education has approved two recent elections: Sr. Catherine Joseph Droste, O.P. as Dean of the Faculty of Theology and Fr. Loïc-Marie LeBot, O.P. as Dean of the Faculty of Canon Law.

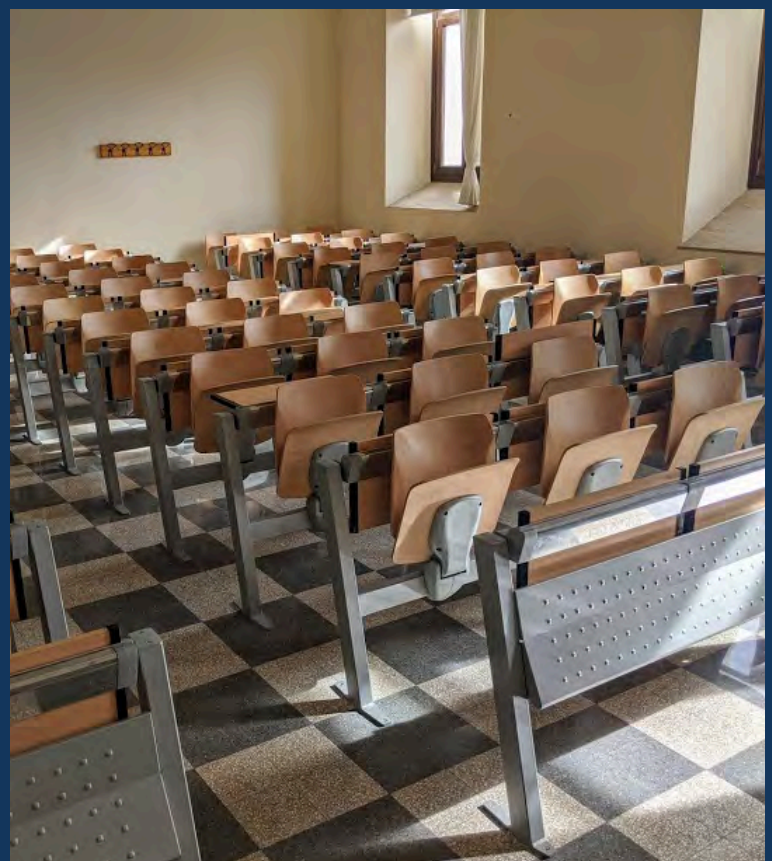
# ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- Fall 2019: Artificial Intelligence and Christian Anthropology, Faculty of Philosophy.
- Fall 2019: Socio-Economic Contributions of Migrant Enterprises in Rome, Faculty of Social Sciences - featured Angelicum student research of 200 entrepreneurs living in Rome originally from Albania, Moldova, Romania, Ukraine, Ecuador and Peru.
- Spring 2019: Angelicum Moral Theologians in Fifty Years of Dictionaries of Moral Theology of St. Paul, Faculty of Theology.
- Spring 2019: The Contribution of Fr. Benito Gangoiti Elorriaga, O.P. to the Juridical and Canonical Science, Faculty of Canon Law.



## MAJOR CONSTRUCTION RENOVATIONS

This project will allow more friars from the Order worldwide, both students and professors, to live and study at the Angelicum.



## RENOVATIONS

New desks installed in Aula 7

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**ANGELICUM Highlights on EWTN Vatican Facebook search for:**

"Meet Fr. Will Conquer: A Modern Missionary" (Fr. Will is a recent alumnus and priest of the Missions Etrangères de Paris who was just sent to Thailand)

"First Day of Classes in Rome! - DISCOVER THE ANGELICUM"



SPECIAL THANKS TO ALUMNI REV. BILL BYRNE & SUSAN TIMONEY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON (USA)

Priests and lay leaders have long desired to be connected to those who share a love for the common doctor of the Church, Saint Thomas Aquinas. In an effort to meet up with old classmates and with those who shared wonderful years at their Roman alma mater, two separate archdioceses, Indianapolis and Washington, D.C., hosted a reception and dinner to bring fellow “Ange” alumni together. The immediate result was a wonderful gathering of individuals and friends. The Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas wishes to thank alumni Fr. Bill Byrne, Mrs. Susan Timoney and Fr. Ryan C. McCarthy for their generous initiative and organizational skills. Both gatherings were extraordinary!

These alumni have encouraged the Angelicum to launch the Roman Alma Mater Alumni Association. News can be found via a new webpage: [Angelicum.it/Alumni](http://Angelicum.it/Alumni), to share the amazing things our alumni are doing for the Church throughout the world.

Consider planning your own alumni reunion by contacting Fr. Benedict Croell OP [development@pust.it](mailto:development@pust.it) (+1.202.642.3597). Help us keep in touch with you: [Angelicum.it/Alumsignup](http://Angelicum.it/Alumsignup).

# ROMAN ALMA MATER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BEGINS



SPECIAL THANKS TO ALUMNUS REV. RYAN C. MCCARTHY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA (USA)

# Dominican Sisters Assist Development Office

Fr. Benedict Croell, O.P. became the official director of the Development and Mission Advancement Office in September, 2018. From the beginning, he had great dreams for the office and what he hoped to accomplish to spread the mission of the Angelicum. One of his biggest dreams was getting the help of the Dominican Sisters. "I just knew if the Sisters came," Fr. Benedict said, "we would be in a position to advance the work of my office. They are experts in order and humanity in all they undertake! I knew their presence at the Angelicum would really help us as we get the office off the ground."

Less than a year later, God saw fit to send the Sisters. Sr. Teresa Benedicta, O.P. and Sr. Martin Thérèse, O.P. of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist from Ann Arbor, Michigan joined Fr. Benedict at the Angelicum. They are taking classes part-time and working part-time in the office. "It is a great gift to be studying and helping here," Sr. Martin Thérèse reflected. "This is a school of saints: Saint John Paul II, Venerable Fulton Sheen, Blessed Hyacinth Cormier and many others. These saints witnessed with their lives to the Dominican mission of seeking truth and living it out in love. It is a mission I am privileged to be a part of."

The Sisters have been helping to welcome visitors to the university and have been assisting Fr. Benedict with correspondence and administrative work.

Fr. Benedict and the Angelicum are very grateful to the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist for their presence and help. Fr. Benedict wishes especially to thank Mother Assumpta Long (also a distinguished alumna!) for her generosity in lending some of her Sisters to the university.



SR. TERESA BENEDICTA O.P. (LEFT) AND SR. MARTIN THERÈSE O.P. (RIGHT) (PHOTO CREDIT: DOMINICAN SISTERS OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE EUCHARIST. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED 2019 ©)



VIEW INTO PIAZZA VENEZIA (PHOTO CREDIT: ANGELICUM ALL RIGHTS RESERVED 2019 ©)

# NEW INTERNS FROM JOHN CABOT & PROVIDENCE COLLEGE



KALOYAN KANCHEV (JOHN CABOT UNIVERSITY) WORKING ON THE ANGELICUM STYLE MANUAL. (PHOTO CREDIT: KALOYAN KANCHEV ANGELICUM ALL RIGHTS RESERVED 2019 ©)

Recently the Angelicum opened its doors to three university students hoping to enter the workforce, giving them a unique opportunity to develop the required skills and experience through the Angelicum's internship program. These internships cover the fields of communications, marketing, graphic design and public relations. Carmen Luisa Coya-van Duijn, O.P., a successful media strategist, is the coordinator for the program funded by the International Dominican Foundation to strengthen the Angelicum's efforts. Kaloyan Kanchev is a 22-year-old marketing student at John Cabot University, an American university based in Trastevere. Born in Bulgaria, he also lived in the United States, Portugal,

Greece, and Spain. Kaloyan has a background in marketing and graphic design. Before arriving for this semester's program he was working as a free-lance graphic designer.

Connor Dow is interning in marketing in the Angelicum's Mission Advancement office. He is from Branford, Connecticut, and is 21 years old. Connor is a finance student at the Dominican-run Providence College in Rhode Island and is currently spending a semester in Rome. Passionate about finances, he has work experience in a small community bank in Connecticut.

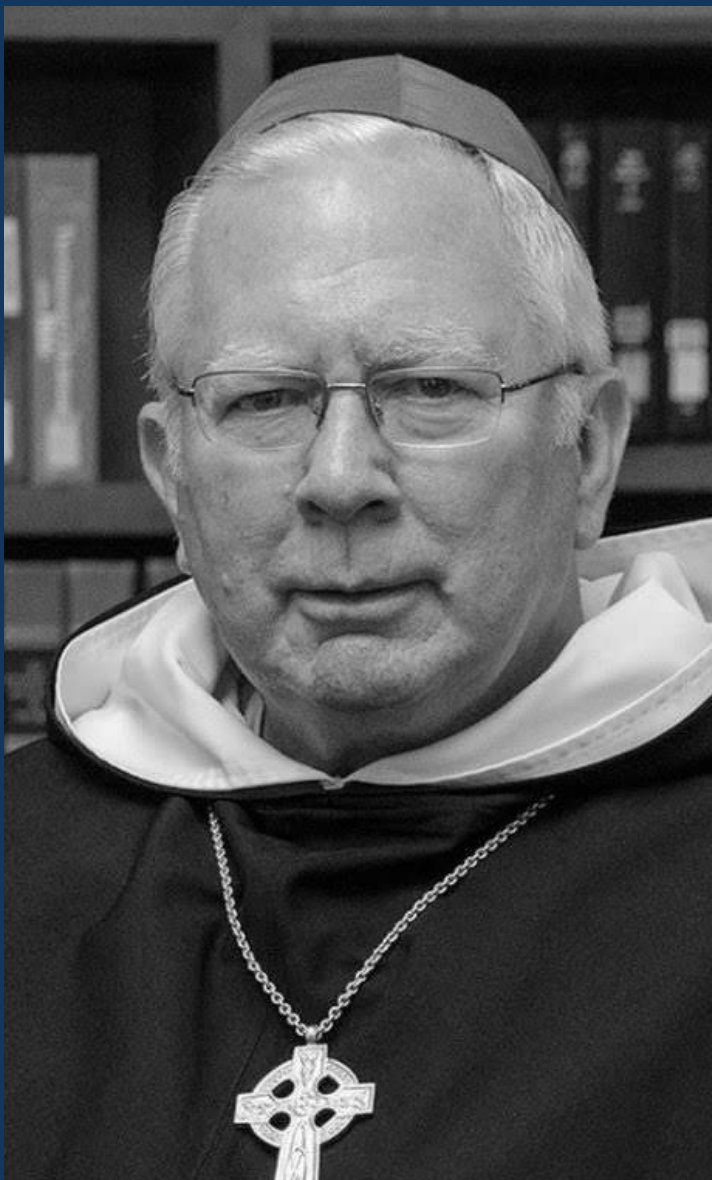


ARMEN LUISA COYA-VAN DUJIN, O.P. WORKING WITH INTERNS, CONNOR DOW (PROVIDENCE COLLEGE) AND ALESSIA BUONOPANE (JOHN CABOT UNIVERSITY) ON THE ANGELICUM MAGAZINE

Finally, Alessia Buonopane is interning in communications at the Angelicum. She is 19 years old and hails from Castellammare di Stabia, Naples. Alessia currently studies international affairs and art history at John Cabot University. She hopes her internship at the Angelicum will help her develop the skill set to enter the public relations world.

# In Memoriam: Bishop Robert Christian, O.P.

1948-2019

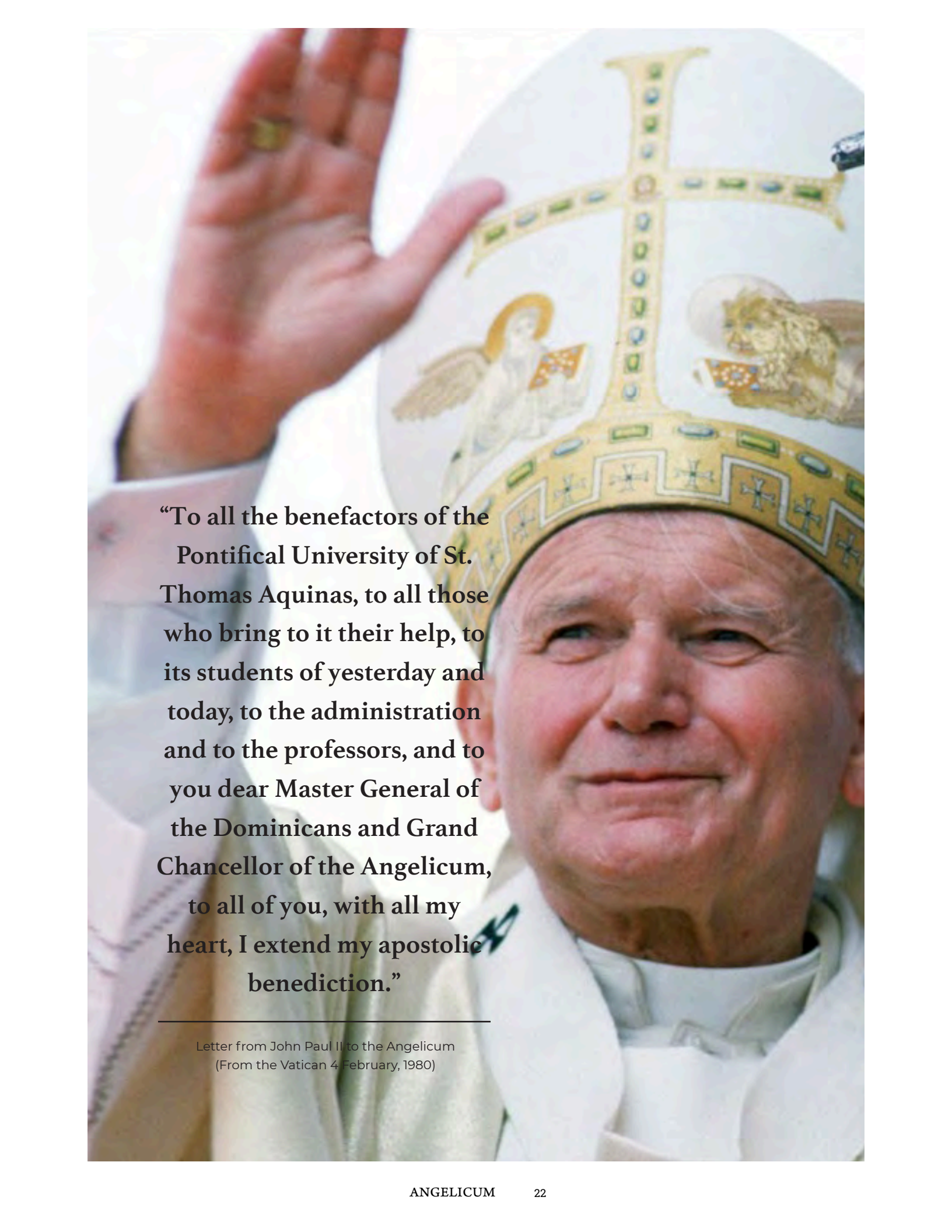


It is with great sadness that we share with our readers of the death of the Most Reverend Robert Christian O.P., Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco and President-Rector of St. Patrick Seminary and University. Bishop Christian died unexpectedly on 11 July 2019 at his residence at St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park, California.

The Angelicum wishes to express sincere condolences to the family of Bishop Christian, the Western Dominican Province and the Archdiocese of San Francisco. We thank God for his 50 years of ministry to the Church, many of which were spent teaching at the Angelicum. We thank the Lord for his Dominican vocation.

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Eternal rest grant unto Bishop Robert, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



**“To all the benefactors of the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, to all those who bring to it their help, to its students of yesterday and today, to the administration and to the professors, and to you dear Master General of the Dominicans and Grand Chancellor of the Angelicum, to all of you, with all my heart, I extend my apostolic benediction.”**

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Letter from John Paul II to the Angelicum  
(From the Vatican 4 February, 1980)

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BISHOP ROBERT CHRISTIAN

1948 - 2019

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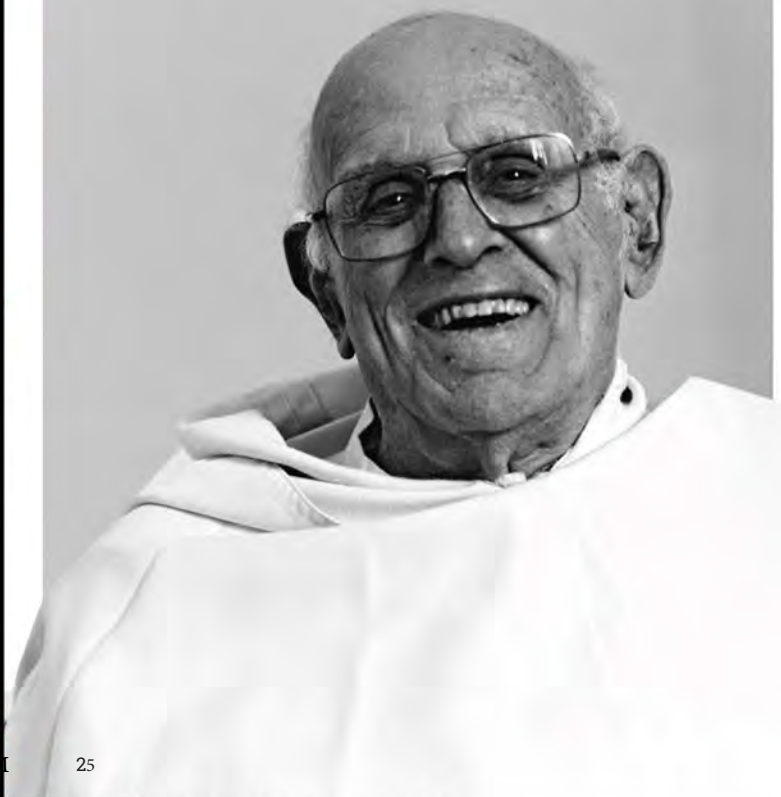
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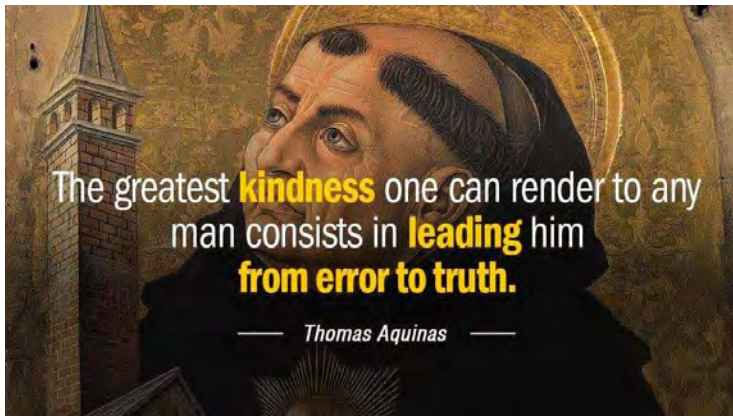
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