



Our Lady of the Rosary

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This evening we have prayed together with the Holy Rosary; we have retraced several events of Jesus' journey, of our salvation, and we have done so with the One who is our Mother, Mary, the One who guides us with a sure hand to her Son Jesus. Mary always guides us to Jesus.

... I would like to meditate with you on this mystery which shows how Mary faced her life's journey with great realism, humanity and practicality.

Three words sum up Mary's attitude: listening, decision, action. They are words that point out a way for us too as we face what the Lord asks of us in life. Listening, decision, action.

from Pope Francis (31 May 2013)

On October 7th we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. What a remarkable form of prayer is found in this meditation. In a world too frantic for stillness and too insecure for solitude this prayer allows us to encounter our inner self. This prayer is a haunting invitation to meet the mystery of God. Pope Francis is right in calling our attention to the threefold attitude of Mary: to listen, to decide, and to act. It is a simple rhythm of the spiritual life that is core to the Dominican charism as well, *to contemplate and to share with others the fruits of contemplation*. When we ponder the mysteries of Christ in that unique recitation of the comforting words of Mary's prayer, we allow God's entry into the inner chambers of our truest self, those places where we encounter the mysteries of our own life. Here our ears are opened to listen, our minds made quick to decide and our hearts given courage to act. May we each find in Mary's prayer our way home.

[Pope's complete text](#)



Madonna of the Rosary - by Lorenzo Lotto (1539)

Keystones Across America

As I travel across the plains to the Rockies and on to the Southwest making new friends for the Foundation, I am also learning a lesson about being a modern day itinerant friar. There are several things about the journey that remain true. (1) **Uncertainty** and the sense of trust that though you have done your best to prepare, all of those unexpected events along the way in fact work toward the Good. Detours and rerouting are moments of the unknown, when the controls you think you have over your life slip from your grip. You have to trust that there is just enough in an empty tank to reach the next gas station only to find you were driving on nothing more than a whisper. (2) **Hospitality**, the twofold reality of the human person to embrace, for one to receive the stranger and the other to be welcomed into that place of comfort, to take time to hear one another's story. The blessings of old friends along the way who recall the years gone by, and new friends who share the ups and downs of life. And (3) **Patience**, perhaps the lesson Time most wants to teach us. to be continued



Jerusalem



To Listen

Contemplare et contemplata aliis tradere

The EBAF welcomes scholars from other universities, who can stay for different periods. Biblical scholars and archaeologists are obviously given priority. Specialists in other disciplines (Theology, Literature, Human Sciences) are also welcome provided that their research projects are sufficiently connected with biblical studies (e.g. ancient history,

"I so loved the Book and now I gaze upon the country!"

M.-J. Lagrange (1855-1938)
Personal Recollections, 91

comparative literature, history of reception) to justify a stay at the EBAF.

They have access to a first-class library and the opportunity to dialogue with the local academic community. The EBAF is accredited to confer a doctorate in biblical studies (SSD). The indispensable pre-condition is the license in biblical studies (SSL). The process of acquiring the SSD, which begins with a probationary year and ends with a public defense of a dissertation, is described in detail in The Statutes and Directory of the EBAF, which can be accessed on secretariat@ebaf.edu [read more](#)



Dominicans and the Renewal of Thomism Conference

Rome



To Decide

The Angelicum is not only a premiere center for theological and philosophical studies in Rome, it also engages institutions and associations throughout the world to foster a fuller understanding of the Catholic Faith. Such determination is part of a decisive vision for today. The faculty, staff, and students of the Angelicum recognize the intellectual necessity of informed believers and provides rich opportunities for discovering the Truth through research and professional associations.

Dominicans and Renewal of Thomism

The 2013 conference was attended, by over 100 friars present from around the world. The papers were of excellent quality. The fraternity among the brethren was fantastic. And, the liturgy was beautiful.

The conference was so successful that another one should be held in 2016 in commemoration of the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Dominican Order, perhaps at the Angelicum.

Several professors from the Angelicum attended and presented papers at the conference. For more information about the conference click [here](#).

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Pope Francis Address

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Your Holiness,
Dear Brothers in Christ,

For me it is a great joy and a truly graced moment to be able to receive all of you here, at the tomb of Saint Peter, as we recall that historic meeting forty years ago between our predecessors, Pope Paul VI and the late Pope Shenouda III, in an embrace of peace and fraternity, after centuries in which there was a certain distance between us. So it is with deep affection that I welcome Your Holiness and the distinguished members of your delegation, and I thank you for your words. Through you, I extend my cordial greetings in the Lord to the bishops, the clergy, the monks and the whole Coptic Orthodox Church.

Today's visit strengthens the bonds of friendship and brotherhood that already exist between the See of Peter and the See of Mark, . . .

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