



International Dominican Foundation

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New Moment for IDF

At its Annual Meeting held in Atlanta June 12, 2012, the IDF Board began a new phase for the organization that has served the Order's international apostolates in Rome, Jerusalem and Cairo. The Board recognized H.E. Donald Cardinal Wuerl (seated center) for his years of service as Board chairman and Rev. Mark Edney (seated right) for his years as president. The new president, Rev. Michael Demkovich (seated left) officially began his duties.

The IDF board is a collaborative project bringing together bishops, Dominican provincials, friars & sisters, clergy and laity, to financially support the Order's special projects.

This is a new moment for IDF as it builds on the excellent work of previous boards. The projects touch on the core of what is Dominican and are core to the Catholic Church. The *École Biblique* is our premier center for biblical and archeological studies, grounding us in the Word of God since 1890. Rome's Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (The *Angelicum*) serves the Catholic Faith in theological and philosophical studies. And since the 1950s the Cairo project (IDEO) has fostered Dominican preaching and evangelization in its researching the religious and spiritual dimensions of Islam.

Your support of IDF is much appreciated. Visit our website www.internationaldominicanfoundation.org and learn more about the many projects you might help support.

IDF Serving the Dominican Order and the Church

This past year the International Dominican Foundation was able to make grants of approximately \$270,000.00 because of support from generous people like you. A major part of this disbursement went to our school in Rome, the **Angelicum**, according to the established policies of three funds, the **William E. Simon Scholarship**, the **McCadden-McQuirk Foundation**, and the **Réginald de Rocquois Foundation**. These funds support the theological study of lay and religious students for service in the Church from around the world. In addition, grants were made to the **École Biblique** for its exciting project to bring together the various traditions of biblical interpretation— Catholic, Christian and non-Christian. Funds were also given to **IDEO**, our project in Cairo, to develop its library and information technology. In the midst of a changing Egypt, IDEO provides a resource for religious and cultural traditions.

In these times of economic uncertainty, your support for these projects is much appreciated. I know that various factors go into one's charitable giving, and I only ask that you keep the good works of IDF in mind. Many thanks, *fr. Michael*

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Welcome to the International Dominican Foundation.

IDF is honored to welcome H.E. Edward Cardinal Egan, Cardinal Emeritus of New York City. The Board of Directors is delighted by the Cardinal's willingness and generosity in serving as our Board Chairman. The future of IDF and its various projects will be greatly enhanced by the efforts of Cardinal Egan and by the Board. Also joining the Board is Mrs. Cynthia LeBreton of New Orleans who will serve as treasurer.



JULY 22, 2012 A Day of Prayer

July 22nd is the celebration of St. Dominic's vision known as the *Signedieu*. This 'sign of God' inspired him to found the Order of Preachers. From the hilltop town of Fanjeaux in southern France he looked out at the valley and on several different times it seemed as though a bright ball of flame settled above the ruins of an old church. I wish to dedicate this day to the works of IDF and invite you to join in prayer, asking the intercession of St. Dominic on the good works in Rome, Jerusalem, and Cairo.

I was fortunate to spend part of this summer in Fanjeaux with a group of faculty, staff, and students from various U.S. Dominican colleges and universities. I say fortunate because I was able to celebrate the Eucharist in many places where Dominic lived in the early days of the Preachers in 1215-1216.

Please join in prayer this July 22nd for the good works of IDF.

fr Michael



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We have watched the unfolding realities in Egypt this summer with wonder as to the future of this ancient culture, a land where Joseph of the Old Testament found his destiny and where Joseph with his young wife Mary and child, took refuge from Herod. The work of IDEO engages the rich heritage of this land, making it available to scholars and students through its painstaking efforts to maintain one of the finest libraries in Egypt.

The Institute is made up of the Dominican Priory and church, the Scholar's House with meeting and study rooms, and a large library. The Institute's library is primarily focused on its intellectual and cultural dialogue with Islam. The library currently contains around 90,000 volumes and more than 600 periodicals, including those in process of publication.

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Left panel, l-r: H.E. Donald Cardinal Wuerl, retiring chair of the Board who is succeeded by H.E. Edward Cardinal Egan. Rev. Michael Demkovich, OP, President; Rev. Brian Mulcahy, OP and Rev. Mark Padrez, OP, Provincials for the Eastern and Western provinces.

Right panel, l-r: Rev. Dominic Izzo, OP, representative for the Master of the Order; Rev. Chris Eggleton, OP, Provincial Southern Province; and Rev. Mark Edney, OP, retiring president. Not pictured, Rev. Charles Bouchard, OP, Provincial of the Central province.

