

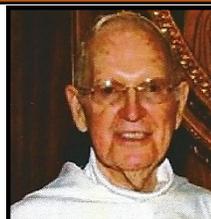


International Dominican Foundation

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In Remembrance . . .

For Christians, November stands as a time to remember our departed brothers and sisters who rest in Christ's peace. November 22nd will be the one year anniversary of Fr. Val McInnes' death. It is a blessing to look back at the lives of all our loved ones and give special thanks for the many ways they have left a legacy. In the end it is the good we have done that we hope is remembered. Our lives find their purpose and meaning in being shared, given to one another. As I continue to learn about the many good works of IDF I am edified, in the traces of Fr. Val I can see as well as the labors of many others who have gone home to God. While we miss them here in this life, we know that a far more wondrous reality is theirs. So we need to give thanks for all those who have been part of IDF and are now no longer with us as we knew them, but are present in way we have yet to fully understand. There is a special grace given to us in remembering, in calling to mind those good people who in this life helped us on the journey.



. . .in Gratitude



Chapter Room at Santa Sabina.

This month I have the opportunity to celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving in the Dominican convent of Santa Sabina, given to St. Dominic by Pope Honorius in 1219. This is where the Order's Master lives and his Council, but it is also where St. Dominic lived.

In June I celebrated Mass for the Friends and Benefactors of IDF in Toulouse, where in 1215 St. Dominic established himself, with six followers, in a house given by Peter Seila, one year before the Order was established. Now I am pleased to celebrate Mass in Rome for those who have shown such generous support for IDF over the years and especially now as our needs are so great.

I am amazed at how the gifts people give, whether small or great, together make possible the amazing work of the IDF projects. Your support is very much appreciated, especially amid these uncertain financial times. I have never before been asked to raise the kind of funds necessary for such major projects of the Order, projects that offer so much to the Church and the growing needs of the Faithful. May God bless you for your kindness

fr Michael



NEWS about BEST

from the Ecole Biblique



This photo courtesy of the Ecole shows just a small sampling of the numerous manuscripts covering centuries of work. Project BEST (the Bible & Its Traditions) brings together scholarship on the **TEXT**, the historical **CONTEXT** of Biblical interpretations and cultural **RECEPTIONS** in art, music, theatre and film. For more information watch this [brief video](#).

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How It Works?

The IDF is governed by its Board along with its Chair (Cardinal Egan) and President (Fr. Demkovich, OP), but the real work of the foundation is done by committees. This month I would like to introduce these committees and their chairs. Mrs. Louise **Jordan** chairs the IDF Associates Committee which involves the various groups supporting the works of IDF. Very Rev. Chris **Eggleton**, Provincial of St. Martin de Porres Province (New Orleans), chairs the Allocations Committee which is responsible for overseeing the disbursement of funds to the IDF projects. Mr. Joseph **Calderone** chairs the Finance Committee which is key to IDF's fiduciary responsibilities. Very Rev. Mark **Padrez**, Provincial of the Holy Name Province (Oakland), chairs the IDF Nominating Committee that oversees the ongoing formation of the board members and the nominations of new ones. Mr. Larry **Merington** chairs the IDF Development Committee which has been hard at work this past year developing a strategic plan and working to achieve the financial

support so necessary for the works of IDF.

You can read more about the board in previous [newsletters](#).

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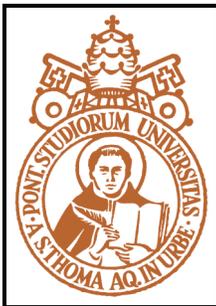
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NEWS

from the Angelicum website

Licentiate in Sacred Theology focused on the New Evangelization



With the approval of the Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education and Seminaries, the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in association with Sacred Heart Major Seminary of the Archdiocese of Detroit, and under the guidance of Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron, Sacred Heart Major Seminary offers the only Licentiate in Sacred Theology specifically focused on the New Evangelization, as well as offering concentrations in the New Evangelization in their other degree programs. [Read more](#)

The Angelicum, is the Dominican university in Rome and one of the major pontifical universities of the City. Staffed and administered by members of the Order of Preachers, it serves as a focus for the Dominican theological and philosophical tradition among the Roman pontifical universities.



SCHOLARS

from the IDEO website

Lectures, papers, and conferences

Brother **Emilio Platti** gave a summer class in Santo Tomas University in Manila, and took part in two conferences in Malta.

Brother **Jean-Jacques Pérennès** presided over the Muslim Christian pilgrimage at Vieux-Marché, France and gave a lecture on Muslim Christian dialogue. He also took part in the fourth Think Tank meeting devoted to the integration of Muslims in the communities of the L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, in Trosly-Breuil, France.

Brother **Jean Druel** took part in the second conference devoted to the Foundations of Arabic Linguistics held in Cambridge and presented on his doctoral research.

Brother **René-Vincent du Grandlaunay** took part in the 78th International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions conference held in Helsinki, and he delivered a paper on the activities of the IDEO library, at the service of the Arabic culture. [Read more](#)



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