



International Dominican Foundation

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Advent and Christmas

For the Church these weeks leading up to Christmas are an important time of preparation, making us ready for the birth of our Lord. It is also a time when many are overwhelmed by the demands this season holds. Getting our homes ready for family and friends, getting all those things done before the year ends, getting through it all can be too much. But even in the midst of all the stress and excitement there is something miraculous that happens. Yes there is commercialization but there is something more behind the shiny paper and beyond twinkling lights. Yes it is a time for endings but at the same time, it is for beginnings as well.

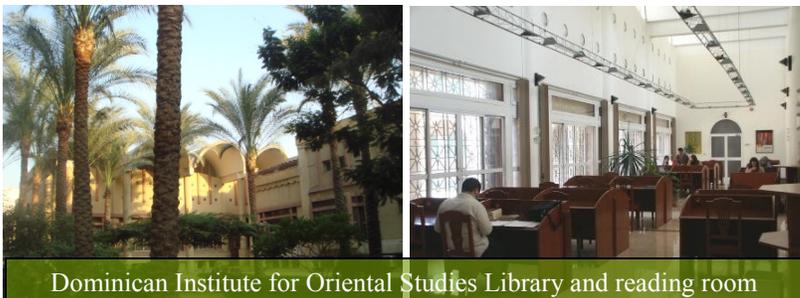
2013 will bring new moments for the Foundation as we work to raise funds needed to support the projects in Jerusalem, Rome and Cairo. Research and education take time and money. When you think about it, the scholars who can engage in the kind of research, teaching and writing that is required for our projects is precious. Not many people know the languages, or have spent hours with the ancient texts, or have devoted their entire life to the discipline of study, as have the women and men of our IDF projects. That is why we have to support the works of IDF! It would be a crime if the next great discovery was lost because these projects had to close, if for failing to provide a few dollars a day the kind of study and learning that shapes hearts and minds had to stop. It would be a real loss. [Please help.](#)



L'Institut dominicain d'études orientales

Cairo

IDEO is more than just books, its people and the various scholars and students who spend time engaging the past and the present. The work in Cairo is essential for Catholic and Muslim thinkers to find the ways of understanding one another for our times. Yes there are differences but there is one God and we share an Abrahamic tradition of Faith. Those women and men trained to engage this level of study are few. The years of preparation and dedicated devotion to learning the languages, cultures, history, and texts are what we must continue to support. Please help. [Read more.](#)



Dominican Institute for Oriental Studies Library and reading room

Some Faces of IDEO

- 1) René-Vincent du Grandlaunay, o.p. - Head Librarian,
- 2) Hervé Le Baut - Librarian,
- 3) Benoit de Gous-sencourt - IT Manager,
- 4) Muhammad al-Maasarani- Counselor,
- 5) Dalal Adib - Reception,
- 6) Imad Habib - Cataloguing,
- 7) Sherif Salama - Cataloguing,
- 8) Imad Farag - Book Warehouse Keeper,
- 9) Magdi Azab - Manager of Periodicals Department

Special Notice!

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The International Dominican Foundation



We Need Your Help.

Dear Friends,

As President of the International Dominican Foundation and on behalf of the Board of Directors I wish to extend heartfelt wishes for every blessing in the coming New Year. Each new year has its hope and promise and 2013 will be no different. My great hope for 2013 is for the Foundation to be a real success, to be able to offer the kind of support our projects deserve. I believe that the works of the Dominican Order throughout the world benefit from the biblical, philosophical, theological and inter-religious works going on in Jerusalem, Rome and Cairo. I also believe that the Church and humanity at large benefit as well. These are challenging and exciting times!

History has a way of making things old. Yes, even today all our new gadgets and gizmos will be artifacts for some future scholar trying to understand what life was like in the 21st century. I would like to think that in 4012 scholars will praise our generation for its efforts to learn from our past. I would like to think a future Dominican will unearth artifacts that we've left and discover something of the human spirit, of our faithfully living the Gospel, and of our generous efforts to honor the past. Your support of the IDF projects helps us discover the ancients, helps us discover the living traditions that have guided us through the centuries.

fr Michael

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THE BIBLE
in Its Traditions

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BEST (the Bible and its Traditions) continues to make steady progress in developing its online site. The goal of this exciting project is "to create the most extensive and helpful set of notes for the entire bible, with information of interest both to biblical scholars and casual readers." The Ecole has a history of outstanding research and scholarship, from involvement in the discovery of the Qumran Community to the continuing study of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Two of the most significant developments in modern biblical study. Now the BEST project brings a new level of scholarship and technology to the service of Biblical studies. There is an example of the project [online](#) or if you would like, you can see the research pages and read the demonstration volume as well. Your support of this project is appreciated.



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