



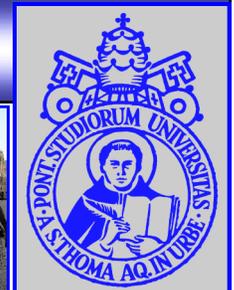
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A New Year, Lucky 2013?

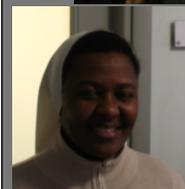
Triskaidekaphobia, the fear of 13, has some folks worrying about the new year. The SIMI (Society of the Irish Motor Industry) approached the Government of the State and requested that 2013 registered vehicles have their license plates age identifier string modified to read "131" for vehicles registered in the first six months of 2013 and "132" for those registered in the latter six months of the year instead of "13". Many public buildings don't list a 13th floor and 13 at the dinner table is suspect. Fear certainly plays a huge part in our lives. The angel Gabriel greeted Mary telling her to fear not and as we heard in the Christmas Mass of the Shepherds the angelic choirs also admonished against fear. The best cure for fear that I have found is faith, believing in the midst of our uncertainties the Promise, "I am with you". As IDF undertakes the challenges of 2013 and works to meet the real needs of its projects in Jerusalem, Rome and Cairo, even amid uncertainties, I am confident that with your support 2013 will be fearless, it will be triskaedeka-fantastic!

The Angelicum Growing Older by Staying Young



When in 1265 St. Thomas Aquinas was sent by the Order to set up a center of studies in Rome at Santa Sabina (see following story) one very likely never thought that almost 800 years later those efforts would still be bearing fruit. In 1906 Pope Pius X elevated it to the status of a Pontifical College, and in 1963 it was raised to a Pontifical University. In the 2011-2012 academic year the student body comprised approximately 900 students coming from 95 countries. The countries represented with the most students were the United States (180), Italy (157), and India (102). Over the centuries the Angelicum has remained vibrant in its dedication to the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas for new generations of students. Now students are not only Dominicans and seminarians but lay women and men from around the world are counted among its students and alumni. The university has four faculties: Canon Law, Philosophy, Social Sciences & Theology with sections in Biblical, Dogmatic, Ecumenism, Moral, Thomistic, and Spirituality. The Pontifical University of Saint Thomas has over a dozen affiliated institutions in at least as many countries. The Dominican Thomistic tradition has afforded new generations fresh ideas and new insights into the challenges of their time. The Angelicum can boast in its having educated 16 cardinals, 28 archbishops, and 70 bishops now serving the Church throughout the world. Out of all these prelates almost 25 are from the United States. Yes the Angelicum has been around for a long time but it has done so by timelessly meeting the challenges of the day. This is too important a project to fail and we need your support to allow it to be around for centuries to come. ➔

Row 1: Rector Magnificus, Fr. Miroslav Konštanc Adam, O.P
 Row 2: Karl Stuebe (USA), courtyard
 Row 3: Gianluca Abbata (ITALY), Amy Juliano (USA), Fr. Zenghui Tong (CHINA), Julia Desilets (USA).
 Row 4: Sr Gisela Upendo, (AFRICA), cloister, Andrew Boyd (USA).



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The International Dominican Foundation

The Dominican Order is everywhere, well almost everywhere! In Rome it's HQ is atop the Aventine Hill perched over the Tiber River, not far from the Roman ruins of the Circus Maximus, in a building given to St. Dominic by Pope Honorius III in 1222. It was here that St. Thomas Aquinas taught and to which the Angelicum traces its history. The Master with his General Council govern the Order and it was here that I reported on the progress being made with the IDF. The challenge is a worthy one and the Order supports our efforts but we also need to be realistic. In the coming years IDF will need to generate the kind of support that our projects in Jerusalem, Rome and Cairo demand. We at IDF will need to increase our efforts and that means expanding our outreach to a wider circle of supporters, developing our operations to run more effectively, and achieving the financial goals that are in the range of millions, dollars and euros, not hundreds. I believe that with your help we can reach the goals IDF faces but we need your help. Sometimes all it takes is one person talking to the right person, a relative, a friend, a new acquaintance, a colleague, and by God's grace generous hearts are opened to the works of Grace. → *fr Michael*



Left: Frs. Vincent LU (Asia Pacific), Michael MASCARI (Intellectual Life), Gabriel SABA (Africa), Wojciech DELIK (Central & Easter Europe), Javier POSE (Latin America & Caribbean), Vivian BOLAND (Europe & Canada, also Vicar of the Master) Bruno CADORÉ (Master) Michael DEMKOVICH (President IDF) [also above], Hilario PROVECHO ALVIREZ (Syndic of the Order), Bernardino PRELLA (Italy, Malta, & Iberian Peninsula), Franklin BUITRAGO ROJAS (Secretary General), Prakash LOHALE (Apostolic Life), Phillippe TOXÉ (Procurator General), not shown Dominic IZZO (USA)



The MIDÉO – *Mélanges de l'Institut dominicain d'études orientales du Caire* – is a journal founded in 1954 by the first members of IDÉO and published every two years.

Since its beginning, Mélanges has gathered academic contributions from the members of the Institute as well as from researchers who had been closely working with them. The journal offers the opportunity for members and contributors of IDÉO, and for those who attend its library and the Scholars' House, to publish their works in French, in English, or in Arabic. Peeters Publishers (Belgium) currently publishes and distributes the MIDÉO. These studies cover different fields of Arab culture. It fosters cultural dialogue between the Arab world and the Western world by working on the sources of literary and scientific heritage in the Arab-Muslim world. Each issue includes in detail a critical analysis of nearly complete editions of Egyptian Arabic texts. The journal enjoys a world-wide distribution through exchanges and subscriptions. [Read more.](#)



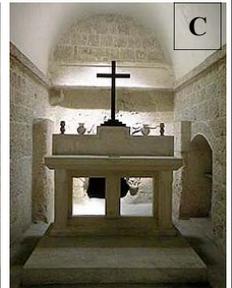
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International Dominican Foundation Speaker Tour
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École biblique et archéologique française from the [University of Notre Dame site](#)

The Dominicans in Jerusalem live and work above tombs dating to almost 30 centuries ago. There are several tombs located around the grounds of the École Biblique. Two have been dated to the Iron Age (8th-7th BCE). Here you can see the modern entry (A) to the tombs. Several ossuaries (B) were found scattered throughout the tombs and around the grounds. They were used to house the bones after decomposition during the Second Temple period (1st century AD). The modern altar in the Crypt Complex (C), is used today for special observances. Note the opening behind the altar -- this is the original entryway into the ancient complex.

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