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## His Holiness Pope Francis



All the world watched to see what smoke arose from that small chimney atop the Sistine chapel, as Cardinals from around the world gathered in conclave. During that time no bird in Rome was more noted than the one that perched atop that smoke stack. Perhaps the Holy Spirit was telling us to expect the unexpected for indeed the person elected to succeed St. Peter was truly unexpected. The election of Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the Cardinal from Buenos Aires, was a first in so many ways—the first from the Americas, the first Jesuit elected Bishop of



Rome, and the first pope named Francis. His humility and holiness expressed in his life and his motto *Miserando atque eligendo* (meaning *lowly but chosen*) invite us all to that sense of trust so essential to the work of Christ. As we stand in the Easter mystery and journey to the Pentecost, let us await the gifts of the Holy Spirit in prayer and joyous hope. May God bless us all,

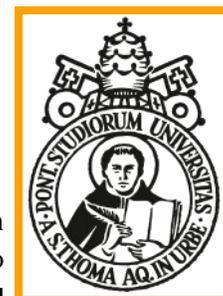
*fr Michael*

## News from the Angelicum



### 50 years a Pontifical University

Fifty years ago, on March 7, 1963, the feast of the University's patron Saint Thomas Aquinas, Pope John XXIII, with the motu proprio *Dominicanus Ordo*, raised the Angelicum to the rank of **Pontifical University**. This crowned close to 800 years of Dominican education starting with the Order's *studium conventuale* in Rome at the basilica of Santa Sabina in the year 1222. Pope John XXIII stated in the motu proprio "Our fervent wish is that every day the true treasure of the teachings of St. Thomas will be deepened to the greater benefit of the Christian cause, that his writings be widely distributed, since his method and style of teaching in no way differ from the character and nature of our time."



### Good governance. What future for Italy and Europe? What role for universities?

Continuing this distinguished tradition the Angelicum will host a significant conference on April 16, 2013 with **Romano Prodi**, former Head of the European Commission and twice Prime Minister of Italy, to launch a new "double degree" starting in 2014. This double degree is jointly organized with the Italian university **Università Guglielmo Marconi** and will help students not only by receiving the pontifical degree but in addition a degree recognized by the Italian state.





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# The Scholars House: Making Time to Study Timeless Treasures



The work of research is a demanding task, requiring long hours often in isolation with ancient manuscripts or documents most people don't even know exist. Little wonder that this band of dedicated scholars requires a place where their work can be done and where they can be refreshed from their detailed task.

The Scholars' House offers such a place and is a villa, with 3 single rooms and one double room. The purpose of this House is to welcome scholars in Arabic and Islamic studies for long periods. The members of the IDEO are glad to welcome in this House scholars with whom they share and deepen their professional relationship and grow in mutual respect and understanding.

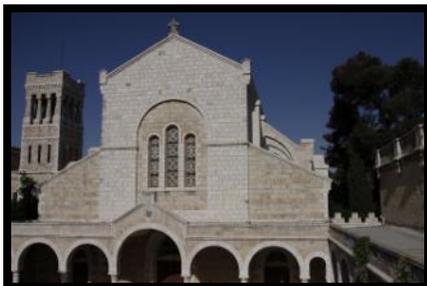
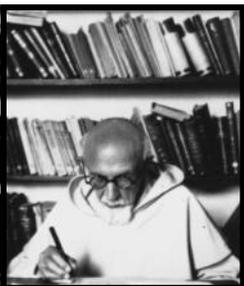
The Scholars' House interior was designed by Mr Lotfi Salah el-Din and brother Jocelyn Dorvault, providing a place where timeless treasures can be studied and the day's labors can be given rest. [Read more...](#)



## The École Biblique at the Louvre

### The Tomb of the Kings, a route from Jerusalem to Paris (1863-2013)

Inspired by the scholarship and dedication of Marie-Joseph Lagrange almost 80 years ago, scholars still dedicate themselves to the demanding work of research and writing that contributes to our world today. Representatives from the École were part of a conference held March 23, 2013 in connection with the opening of new galleries at the **Louvre** devoted to the Eastern Mediterranean in the Roman Empire. The monument known as the **Tomb of the Kings** is located 800 meters north of the city walls and has been identified as the tomb of Queen Helena of Adiabene, sovereign in the first century of a small vassal kingdom of the Parthian Empire. Dominicans **Jean-Baptist Humbert** and **Jean-Michel de Tarragon** from the **École**, addressed the topics "*Recent excavations of the Tombs of the Kings*" and "*The evolution of the Tomb of the Kings through photography*" respectively. Your support of the IDF projects enables the years of training and preparation necessary to safeguard the past and preserve it for tomorrow. [Read more.](#)



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