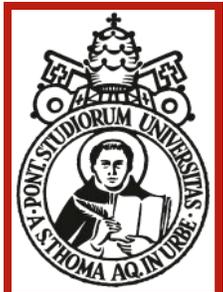
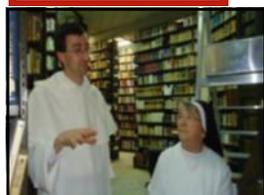




Angelicum Library



One of the great assets of the Pontifical University of St. Thomas is its library. It is a treasury of texts that saints and scholars have pondered for generations. Countless students have devoted their lives to studying the great philosophical and theological writings. Time too has made its mark on these ancient sources. Recently Fr. Bernhard Blankenhorn and Sr. Collette Keane spoke with Mr. and Mrs. Merington and showed them the amazing work done with funding provided by the International Dominican Foundation. There is now a climate controlled room to store many of these precious works. Funds from the International Dominican Foundation made this transformation possible. What was once a debilitated cellar beneath the library had to be excavated as you can see in the three pictures in the center row. Now that space is ready to receive the works most in need of the controlled climate.



While we can see the structural transformation of a building this only serves to address the real transformation at the heart of university life, and that is the forming of scholars and leaders to serve the Church. The International Dominican Foundation manages three scholarship funds that support the women and men studying at the Angelicum.



Read all about this year's scholarship recipients and what their studies have meant in this [link](#).



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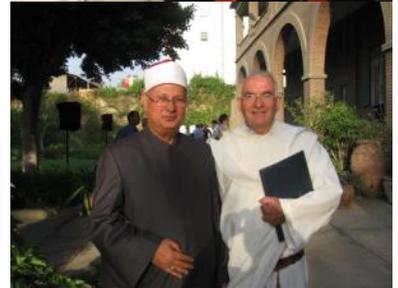
The work of the International Dominican Foundation is not an easy task and requires the support of so many good people who care. Right now we need to build our community of support. It is amazing how the Projects in Jerusalem, Rome and Cairo touch so many and reach so far yet it is a challenge to connect, to bring them all together. How many of us love the Scriptures and find reading the Bible gives us hope? How many of us wonder about our Catholic Faith and how to make sense of the world in which we live, holding fast to the Revealed Word of God? How many of us find the insane violence and murder in the name of God contrary to the Promise of Abraham and a distortion of all that is good in the heart of those who truly believe, who have Faith in God's promise? I know there are many of us who know that God's Word, rich as it is, must be studied and in prayer we must engage one another in dialogue so that together we might hear God's whispered words of peace. In Jerusalem, where Christ himself walked and preached, women and men preserve God's Word in ancient texts and make them come alive for people today. In Rome, where Peter bore witness and died for believing the Divine Word, a new generation of people in love with that very Word of God, ponder and engage, study and contemplate so they might share that Word with others. From Denver to Delhi, from Barcelona to Beijing, the Angelicum stretches far beyond the city of Rome. In Cairo, in an Egypt where the Holy Family took refuge against a tyrants persecution, countless Christians and Muslims labor against the tyranny of ignorance and fear to understand the good and noble depths of religious belief. In the countless people who share the conviction that the truest and best part of religion is found in the depths of the human heart, I offer an appeal—Whatever support you might be able to give, give from your heart. God bless, *fr Michael*

from the AFP — The internationally-reputed IDEO institute aims to encourage not just study, but dialogue between the religions, in a context where "Islam can be scary and where a country like Egypt is trying hard to find its democratic voice," director Jean-Jacques Perennes said.

The brick building surrounded by greenery is located symbolically in a neighbourhood close to Al-Azhar -- Sunni Islam's highest seat of learning -- and the Coptic Orthodox Cathedral. "We have never had any problems with the authorities because we position ourselves in the cultural world, away from proselytism," said Perennes, a 64-year-old French national who heads a team of scholars and researchers at the institute established by the Dominican Order.

The weekend celebrations of IDEO's 60th anniversary were attended by the head of Egypt's Coptic Church, Pope Tawadros II, and several senior officials of Al-Azhar -- a rare scene in today's Egypt where sectarian clashes and Christian fears of marginalisation make the headlines more frequently than shows of ecumenism.

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Beatification of Brother GIUSEPPE GIROTTI

March 27, 2013, the Holy Father Francis authorized the Congregation to promulgate the Decree on the martyrdom of the Servant of God Giuseppe Girotti, professed priest of the Order of Friars Preachers. GIUSEPPE GIROTTI Alba was born July 19, 1905. Brilliant in his studies, full of vitality and very joyous, he made his religious profession in 1923 in "La Quercia", near Viterbo, and on August 3, 1930 he was ordained a priest in Chieri and studied at the Ecole. Read full story [HERE](#)



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