



## Ubi caritas . . .

An ancient Christian hymn *Ubi caritas*, tells us that where charity and love are, there God is found. What I am increasingly aware of is that this *caritas* is more than being nice or giving alms, it is about becoming a community bound by the Good. True charity draws us into relation and makes us mindful of one another, of our weal and another's woe. This bond of goodness is why we do what we can do to help

Over this last year I have come to see the work of the Foundation as two-fold: Fund Raising and Fund Management. Both are a call to stewardship, to wisely caring for the needs of the good works being done and prudently looking after the resources entrusted to our care. The good works of the Foundation are moving along but we need your help. In August we started an appeal to build up our **Associate Members**. These are dedicated women and men who commit to contributing a minimum of \$100 a year, roughly \$8.33 a month. (cont. page 2)

## News from Cairo, I.D.E.O.



Dear Friends

Thanks for your kind messages. We are OK in Cairo, even if the latest events have been very dramatic for the whole country, including the Christians. Several churches and monasteries have been burned. We are safe, Thank God, but have asked for a special protection by the police.

On the whole, many people feel relieved that the Egyptian army has stopped the Muslim Brotherhood which were installing the basis of an Islamic State. It is sad that many people were killed but the leaders of the Muslim Brotherhood have a heavy responsibility in the bloodshed, having called their members to "resist till the martyrdom". In our opinion, the western media focuses too much on the violence of the police and army and do not realize that the military were and are still supported by a large majority of Egyptians.

This being said, it will take time to heal the wounds and to come back to a political process involving all the parties. It is quite urgent because the economy has suffered a lot from these months of unrest and this has dramatic effects at the societal level in a country were 40% of the people are under the poverty level (\$2 per day). The good news is that Egypt might be the first country with a majority of Muslims moving towards a post-Islamist regime. If this is true, it is a very important news for the whole Middle-East.

We feel more motivated than ever to be there, with our Egyptian friends, Muslims and Christians, trying again and again to build bridges.

Jean Jacques Pérennès  
Director of IDEO



Photos of Muslim men standing arm in arm in prayer outside Catholic churches to protect them while Mass is celebrated.

**Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us!**



## Looking for Angelicum Alumn



If you went to the Angelicum, Where are you? Please let us know where you are and what you are up to. We have had about half of our emails for past Angelicum students bounce back as dead so we need your help. If you attended the Angelicum as a cleric, religious or lay person, for a degree or sabbatical or received your pontifical degree through the Angelicum, we are looking for you. We are delighted to have gotten some responses from various places and hope to see about organizing a reunion of sorts. It is easy to do. Just go to our website ([HERE](#)) and sign up to receive the newsletter. If you already get our newsletter and would like to update your information you can do that at the same site. Be sure to tick off the boxes for the Angelicum that suits you. In addition feel free to drop us an [email](#) letting us know what is going on in your life and where you are located. We appreciate keeping in touch with you. Hope to hear from you soon. We have heard from a group in Minnesota and one in Indiana so we know you are out there.

**Ubi caritas** (cont) We hope to reach 800-1,000 such members to cover our operational costs. Our **Donors** commit to over \$500 a year and more while our **Major Benefactors** generously contribute by making the Foundation one of their major charities. So we are very grateful to you for your support in your giving as you see fit.

I am aware that people are slowly coming to know about us and one way you can support is by letting others find out more about the foundation and its works. As I talk to people about Cairo or Jerusalem or Rome I am touched by their response, their interest and concern. If you are willing to host a “**Get to Know Us Gathering**” all you need to do is invite some friends over for coffee or tea and we will provide you with literature and links. Just let us know by sending us an email and we will be in touch (click [HERE](#) to do so).

Your being part of the International Dominican Foundation and the community of care that is *caritas* mean a great deal to us. Please be assured of our prayers for you.

Sincerely  
*fr Michael*

### Keystones Across America



Three down and twenty-four to go! Fr. Michael continues his trek across America meeting with key people in our Keystone cities. Meeting with diocesan officials and the Dominican Family along the way he is beating the bushes to cultivate our grass root supporters for the Foundation.

## The École Biblique



## Friends of the École Biblique: The NEXT Generation?

Calling all who are interested in working to support the works of the École Biblique, please let us know! We are at a critical moment in the history of the American Friends of the École Biblique. For many years a dedicated group has labored in the U.S. to support the project in Jerusalem. Now we are looking to find the next generation of dedicated women and men who love the Scriptures and the rich Biblical Tradition of the Catholic Faith. Scholars, students, devotees, all are welcome to become part of this worthwhile service. Similar associations exist in France and Canada as well as the USA. For more information please click [here](#) to send us an email.

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