



November is a time for remembering

The month of November begins by celebrating the Solemnity of All Saints and the feast of All Souls. The Dominican Order remembers all its Saints and the Deceased Members of the Order (November 7 & 8). Many nations have a civic day of remembrance in November for veterans who served courageously in times of need. It is a time to pray for our loved ones. But the month also draws to an end the Church's Liturgical Year with the celebration of Christ the King. This feast of the Church makes us mindful of the ultimate realities in life. The good we do or the good left undone. It separates the sheep from the goats. "When did we see you hungry or naked or in need?" Sadly our own deeds render a judgment. For our departed loved ones, we believe that our prayers offer comfort and consolation. The prayer of the Church for the dead is a spiritual work of mercy. This month I am honored to celebrate Mass for you and those you love. I have been touched by the specific intentions that many of you have sent in and I will remember them by name. November is a time for remembering and what better moment for remembrance than in the Mass, the Holy Remembrance Christ gave at the end of His life.



Keystones Across America: Patience

With this November Newsletter I should be nearing about half of the Keystone visits and as I said in the last Newsletter I would say more on patience. Patience is a funny thing, it comes from the Latin *pati* which means to endure. It is about being acted upon, hence we get the passive voice which allows us to speak of things as the recipient of an action. On this trek there has been a spiritual learning and the challenge to let go of controls, over other drivers and the traffic, the road conditions, timing and my plans. Yes there is planning but

more importantly there must be trust. Each of the dioceses visited has been gracious. It has been a delight meeting with the individuals and sharing with them the works of the International Dominican Foundation. People were pleased to learn about the projects and the Foundation's work. However, now we must trust and watch how grace works. I am reminded of the Gospel parable of the sower. Both seed and soil must be right for the growing. This takes time, this takes patience, this takes prayer.



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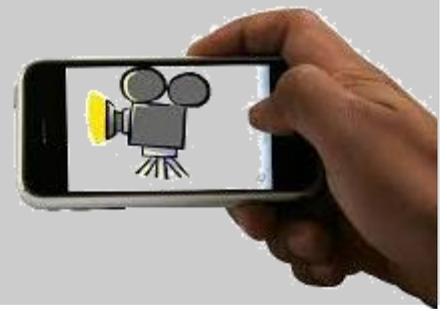
Are you curious about the three projects we support? Where are they and what do they look like? Here is an easy way to learn more about the Foundation's projects, just watch these videos. Click on the three links to watch.

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from Cairo, I.D.E.O.

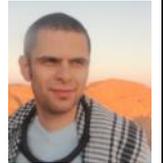
One of the priorities of IDEO: Training specialists in inter-religious dialogue

Many people are afraid of Islam for some bad reasons and sometimes good ones, but fear doesn't change anything. The Catholic Church is in great need for more people who have better knowledge in Islamic studies and the skills to promote serious inter-religious dialogue. This is why IDEO has tried for the past years to train young Dominican friars from around the world. First, through workshops organized in the summer. The last one took place in Cairo in July 2013. Despite the political unrest, 8 friars from Africa and Australia attended a two week program, focused on "Reading the Koran".

Various approaches were considered by scholars in Islamic studies, reading the Koran in Muslim, Sufi, and Christian traditions. The second way is inviting young friars to spend a year in Cairo with us, studying Arabic and Islam, sharing our life, meeting our friends. This year we have the pleasure to

have a Brazilian young Dominican, fr. Mateus Domingues. These two experiences are very enriching as well for us, and we are very grateful to the donors who make this possible.

from Fr. Jean Jacques Pérennès, op Director of IDEO



from Jerusalem, École

What it takes to be a scholar: Jerome Murphy-O'Connor, OP

From his birth in 1935 to today the investment made to make a premier expert and scholar. Such a person is a living treasure we often overlook. fr Jerome was educated at Christian Brothers College, Cork, and Castleknock College, Dublin, before entering the Irish Province of the Dominican Order in September 1953. After novitiate he studied Philosophy for a year before studying at Tallaght and at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland where the core of his scholarship focused on the theme of Preaching in St. Paul. In 1963 he studied in Rome, and researched the Dead Sea Scrolls at the University of Heidelberg, and New Testament theology at the University of Tübingen. He has written over 150 books and numerous scholarly articles. It takes years of study, dedication and commitment but it also requires our support. [Learn more.](#)



from Rome, Angelicum

2014 Golden Anniversary

Moments appear when a generation can make a profound and lasting statement of its highest values: That moment is now as the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Rome) celebrates 50 years of academic excellence as a Pontifical University. The most important Golden Jubilee Celebration, Fundraising Event and Homecoming opportunity during this year's celebrations is the **2014 Golden Anniversary Angelicum Alumni Achievement Award Event** on Friday 7 March 2014. The Angelicum Alumni Achievement Award is conferred upon Angelicum alumni who have distinguished themselves by serving the Church's mission in exceptional ways. This is a great time to gather your class, your parishioners, and your friends and support the Angelicum financially - [read more.](#)



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