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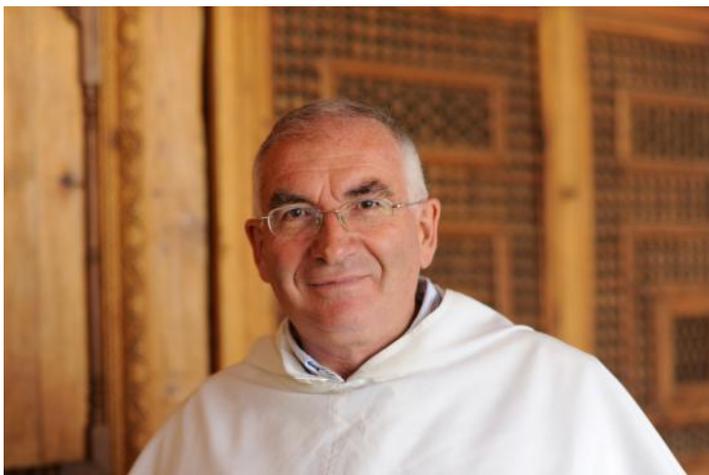
Challenging you bet, especially these days with all the financial uncertainty. When things are tight we weigh our priorities, we make decisions that show what it is that we really value. I have always considered the work I do for the Foundation as part of being a mendicant, a begger, which is what the Latin *mendicare* means. But I began to realize something more. The root word in Latin is *mendum* which means a want, imperfection, error. It helps us know that something is missing. It is the person who is in need, a person in want who begs, pleads, or petitions another. Needless to say some needs are more obvious, they hit us hard and touch our hearts. Other needs are more hidden and remote, but no less real.

The work of the Foundation is about these hidden needs that are removed from people. The costs of educating scholars who master skills most of us will never know are hidden. The expenses of research, of writing, of teaching, of living, these are all real needs but hidden. Because of this I am glad to ask on behalf of the brothers who are in need. This is why I am so grateful for the people who see the needs of our projects in Jerusalem, Rome and Cairo. That is why I am especially grateful for the challenge we were given last year. The Board of Directors, in response to a challenge made by some members of the Board, generated \$40,000.00 from their own resources. And now I would like to ask all of our friends to try and help us to at least match that amount. Every bit helps, so I am asking of you for your help. Charity is an amazing reality wherein we meet the needs of others and in the end are ourselves made richer.



Please help us with this challenge. It would be so amazing if we could meet or surpass the goal by the feast of St. Dominic, August 8th. There is so much these projects genuinely need, hidden needs, in order to serve the Church. So I ask you, please help.

fr Michael



International Dominican Foundation U.S.A Speaking Tour

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Christianity and Islam in the Middle East: Encounter or Confrontation?

The Experience of the Dominicans in Cairo
by

fr. Jean-Jacques Pérennès

In 1953, at the request of the Holy See, the **Dominican Institute for Oriental Studies** (IDEO) was established in Cairo. It comprises teams of scholars and researchers wishing to promote a better understanding among Christians and Muslims.

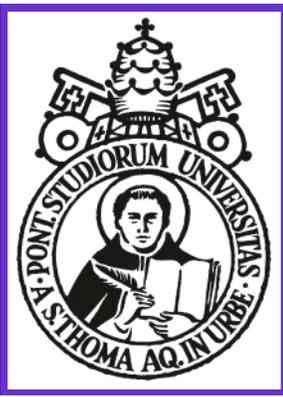
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And this is crazy
But here's my number
So call me maybe

Angelicum Alumni 'Dumb Ox Call In'

Plans are underway to host the first ever **Angelicum Alumni 'Dumb Ox Call In'** this Spring on **March 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.**

Central Time USA. If you graduated from the **Angelicum** or one of the institutions affiliated with it, you are eligible to participate. **Email us at info@intldom.org for details.** This will be a chance to find out where the "Ange" grads are and what you are up to. **Registration closes March 5th.** The International Dominican Foundation is working to provide a network for the Friends and Alumni of the Angelicum to finally connect. After years of blue-skying on this it is going to happen! Join us by phone for our own **50th Celebration** of the Ange. On March 7, 1963, the feast of the University's patron Saint Thomas Aquinas, Pope John XXIII, with the *motu proprio Dominicianus Ordo*, raised the Angelicum to the rank of Pontifical University. There will be a day of celebration in Rome at the Angelicum ([read more](#)) but for those of us unable to attend the "Call In" will be the next best thing. "So call me maybe"



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News from the École Biblique



December

The Feast of St Stephen was celebrated by the Dominican Community with festivities and feasting. (Photos 1-4)



January

Teacher conference. (Photo 5)

During the month of January 2014, **Prof.. Adrian Schenker** (Faculty of Theology, University of Fribourg, main editor of the *Biblia Hebraica Quinta*) gave three lectures



Photography exhibition in Paris

 (Photo 6)

An Exposition on Christian of the East began with an inaugural celebration attended by Bishop Jérôme Beau, Auxiliary Bishop of Paris.

February

The Second term for the École begins on February 17th. May God bless the good works of the École!

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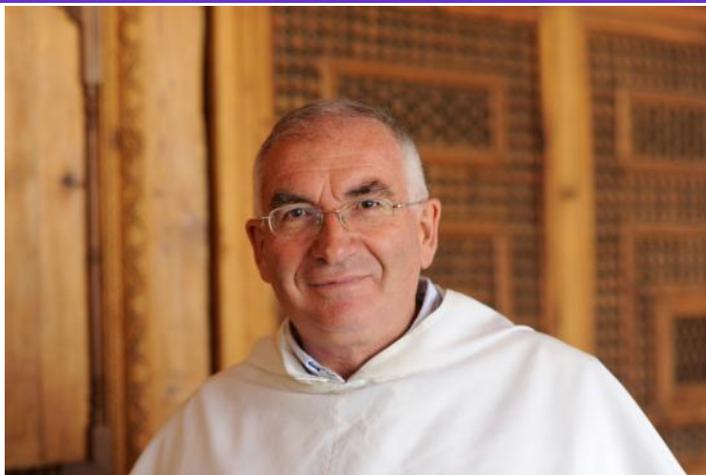
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New York City. ~ March 6 - 14
Closed events

Events Open to the Public
St. Louis ~ March 15 - 19

Washington University Catholic Student Center

6352 Forsyth Blvd

March 18th 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Aquinas Institute of Theology

Forest Park Parkway & Spring

March 19th 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Memphis ~ March 20 - 21

St. Peter Catholic Church

190 Adams Avenue

March 20th 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

New Orleans ~ March 22 - 26

St. Dominic's Church

775 Harrison Avenue

March 24th 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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