



International Dominican Foundation

March 2014

MARCH MADNESS!

Normally this phrase is the domain of American college basketball playoffs leading up to the NCAA Championship. However I cannot find a better way to describe this month. Not only have we entered into Lent, not only do we celebrate American Irish and Italian heritage in the feasts of St. Patrick and St. Joseph, not only did we host our first Angelicum Alumni Call-In, not only did we have an opportunity to be streamed globally on the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Catholic Radio, not only did we launch the first “Speaker’s Tour” with Fr. Jean Jacques, but we survived the Winter of 2014!!!!

The International Dominican Foundation and the Order’s projects in Jerusalem, Rome and Cairo present a challenge and an opportunity. For almost two years we have been slowly building up greater awareness of the Foundation and the three amazing works of the Order. Such efforts take time and, to borrow from Shakespeare’s Richard III, “Now is the winter of our discontent, made glorious summer by this sun . . .”

We are beginning to see the efforts made last year bud forth. Even so there is still much that needs to be done. Seeds that were planted and forgotten now begin to take root. Programs that we initiated are now beginning to have an impact. The work of the Foundation shares with every farmer, with every gardener in that appreciation of time which work slowly but diligently, of seasons which bring together the right conditions for growth to happen, and of patience which allows the gracious gift of God’s creation to reveal itself when ready.

I can see something remarkable beginning to take shape in the letters we receive and the comments people make. I was delighted to connect with the Angelicum alumni and hear how much they are doing to serve the Church, to work with so many people in St. Louis, Memphis and New Orleans in setting up the “Speaker’s Tour,” and to finally meet fr. Jean Jacques in person and hear first-hand his remarkable story. I may speak about “projects” and “boards” or “events” but it really comes down to one all important reality, you -- you good people who make real the possible amid all this madness.

Thank you.

fr Michael



50 Years a Pontifical University!

On March 7th, the old feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, the Angelicum celebrated its Golden Jubilee as a pontifical university. On March 7th 1963 Pope John XXIII elevated the Angelicum with the motu proprio *Dominicanus Ordo*, to the rank of Pontifical University. Today the **Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in the City** (*Pontificia Studiorum Universitas a Sancto Thoma Aquinate in Urbe*) continues a heritage that stretches back to 1265 and the Order's first *studium provinciale* at Santa Sabina on the Aventine, which now serves as the Order’s world headquarters. The anniversary was celebrated with an array of events from lectures to entertainment to feasting.



On March 7th the International Dominican Foundation hosted its first Angelicum Alumni call in. Though we had some glitches at the start we got back on track and entered into the 50th celebration in our own way.

[You can listen to a recording of the call-in HERE](#)

THE ANGELICUM STUDENT ASSOCIATION
invites YOU to participate in the feast of our university's Patron:

The Feast of St. Thomas, March 7th

A social event that spans departments! That spans languages and cultures!! No, you're not dreaming! This is a reality!! Let's live it!!!

This is OUR FEAST!
Come and join in! Enjoy:

- Prayer together
- Entertainment together
- Just being together

Have a talent to share? contact Tyler Bischoff tbischoff@pnac.org

Do you have a dish of food from your culture to share? Contact Gemma Scalzo gemmascalzo@gmail.com

Program:

- 9:00 Solemn Holy Mass Angelicum Church
- 10:30 Student Entertainment Aula Magna
- 11:45 A light lunch Sala delle Colonne

All the food left over will be brought to the poor people of the Termini Station. Volunteer? Contact Francesca D'Aniello francesca.daniello@pnac.org

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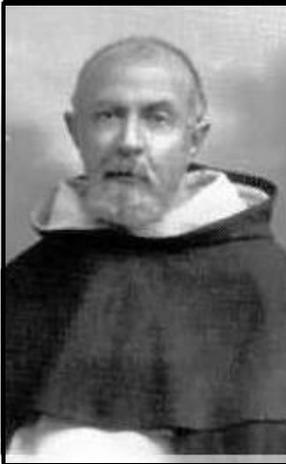
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News from the École Biblique

École to Celebrate 125 years in 2015

Marie-Joseph Lagrange, O.P.



The École is the oldest center of biblical and archaeological research in the Holy Land. It was founded in 1890 by Father Marie-Joseph Lagrange (1855-1938), in the Dominican convent of St. Stephen in Jerusalem, established in 1882.

The vision was for the Bible to be studied in the physical and cultural context in which it was written. Lagrange described the works of the École as “The union of the monument and the document, archeology and exegesis of texts.”

The first fifty years saw intense interdisciplinary collaboration (1890-1940), members of this small team published 42 major books, 682 scientific articles, and over 6200 reviews.

The second generation of researchers (1940- 1990) produced the famous Jerusalem Bible (1956), whose publication is in a certain sense the fruition

of Lagrange’s dream. And now the present generation takes on the challenges of the third millennium. They intend to create the most extensive and helpful set of notes for the entire bible, with information of interest both to biblical scholars and casual readers.



Meet just a few of the Dominican Friars from IDEO



Rémi Chéno

He taught dogmatic theology and was part of the Strasbourg Research team which examined questions about contemporary religious diversity and coexistence in the public space, using multiple resources and disciplines.

Adrien Candiard:

After his formation in History and Political science, he graduated in theology in Lyons and arrived in Egypt in 2012. There, he is studying Arabic.



Jean-François Bour

After his studies in theology in Lille and in Paris, at the Centre Sèvres, he spent several years in Egypt to study Arabic and Islamic Studies. He is now sub-editor of **MIDEO** (*Mélanges de l'Institut dominicain d'Etudes orientales*) and assistant to the director of **SRI** (*Le Service des Relations de l'Eglise catholique avec les musulmans en France*).

EXTRA! Monday March 24 at 6:50 pm CDT you can watch a broadcast of Fr. Jean Jacques' presentation (see p. 3) streamed live from New Orleans [HERE](#)

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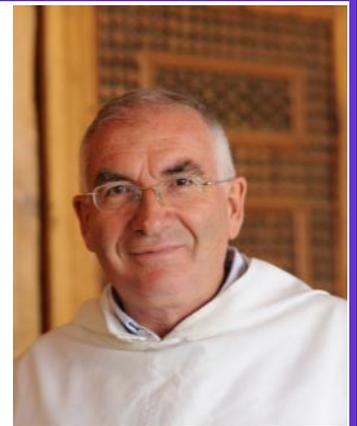
The International Dominican Foundation



is pleased to welcome
Fr. Jean-Jacques Pérennès

*Please join us for a rare opportunity to hear
this renowned speaker/authority/educator
on Christian and Islamic relations*

March 6 - 26, 2014
New York ~ St. Louis ~ Memphis ~ New Orleans



Christianity and Islam in the Middle East: Encounter or Confrontation? The Experience of the Dominicans in Cairo

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 Catholic Church
775 Harrison Avenue

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

Myra Clare Rogers Memorial Chapel - Tulane University
1229 Broadway Street

March 26th 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
444 Metairie Road, Metairie, LA

March 26th 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

fr. Jean-Jacques Pérennès is a Dominican Priest who has been Director of the Dominican Institute for Oriental Studies (IDEO) in Cairo, Egypt since 2011, having been a member of the team since 2000. He is an expert in development economics, interfaith dialogue and history of the Dominican Order in the Islamic world. He was assistant to the Master of the Dominican Order in Rome from 1992 to 1998. From 2002 to 2010, Fr. Jean-Jacques held the office of Provincial Vicar for the Dominican communities of the Arab world.

IDEO is a research institute located in the heart of Cairo, Egypt which was established in 1953 at the request of the Holy See. It is comprised of a dedicated team of scholars and researchers whose mission is to promote dialogue between Islamic and Christian cultures and civilizations. Its renowned library is home to one of the most extensive collections of works on Arabic culture and Islam, and it is recognized as a preeminent research institution by international scholars. Since its foundation, IDEO's door has been open to Egyptian scholars, Islamic and Christian clergy, and specialists of Islam from around the world. By promoting a common study of the Arab-Muslim literary heritage, IDEO's strategy is to help bridge Islam and the West at the highest levels.