



International Dominican Foundation

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Easter Joy

The drama that is Easter, death and new life, has been captured in art, music and literature through the centuries. One well known and well loved hymn comes from the pen of an English, Anglican priest, Set to the tune of a medieval French carol, its poetry is haunting.

*Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many years has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.*

In this first stanza all the mystery of death and life, sacrifice and love, promise and the Eucharist are woven together.

There are so many wonderful things like this which bring such joy into our lives. But what of the people behind these wonderful things, the instruments used by God? These are the people behind the scenes, people whose talents help to make something happen but whom we tend not to notice. That is the case with John Macleod Campbell Crum. “Who is he?” you ask. He is the man who wrote this lovely piece. The man who died in 1958, the man who studied at Oxford, the man who left us this amazing bit of poetry.

It is not unlike the people behind the projects in Jerusalem, Rome and Cairo. People like **fr Marcel Sigrist, O.P.** from France, who has been teaching at the École Biblique since 1976. He is just one of many dedicated Dominicans who help make the Bible come alive for the rest of us. What we don't think about are the years of study, at the University of Strasbourg, at the Saulchoir, and at Yale, from 1958 to 1976 before he could begin to teach. Even so, his almost 40 years of teaching, research and publishing are echoed by other Dominicans at the Angelicum, and IDEO who need our support. **Fr. Walter Senner, O.P.** from Germany, one of the great scholars on Aquinas, Albert and Eckhart, has been dedicated to this study since 1989. **Fr**



Emilio Platti, O.P. of Belgium has been involved with IDEO since 1972 engaged in teaching, writing and research. These are people behind the scenes, the “green blades rising” of the Order.

fr Michael

News from the École Biblique



Sur les lieux de la Passion - “In the Places of the Passion”

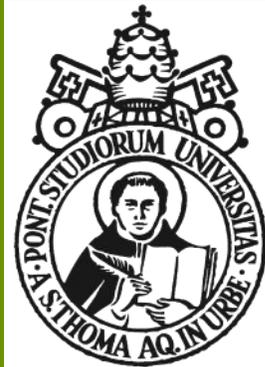
This Easter Christians around the world celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord. All hearts journey to Jerusalem, to the place where this drama of Salvation took place. **Fr Olivier-Thomas Venard, O.P.** is the vice-director of the École, along with several members of the École have produced four videos (in French) which so beautifully capture the scenes from the Passion of Christ in the city of Jerusalem, that even non-French speakers will be drawn more deeply into the incredible events of the Passion. In four episodes the short videos present: 1) Jerusalem the Theater of the Passion of Christ; 2) the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane; 3) the Judgment of Pilate and the Way of the Cross; and 4) the Crucifixion and Burial of Jesus. This is one documentary worth watching. You will journey to Jerusalem, from the side streets of the city to the Holy Sites of the Passion. [WATCH HERE](#)

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News from the Angelicum . . .



Canonization of Angelicum Alumnus Karol Józef Wojtyła

Being a student is a long haul requiring much dedication, but the end result is a level of learning and insight that is able to benefit others. One such student was a Polish seminarian named Karol. On Sunday 27 April 2014 in St. Peter's Square, the Mass and Canonization of this famous Angelicum alumnus will take place, presided by **Pope Francis**.

The Angelicum will participate in this joyous occasion with a "John Paul II Event" on Friday 9 May 2014 with the unveiling of a plaque outside Aula 11. This will commemorate the hall where, under the supervision of Prof. Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, OP., **Karol Wojtyla** defended his doctoral dissertation entitled "*Questio de fide apus S. Joannem a Croce* -The Question of Faith in the Works of St. John of the Cross". This event will be followed by an official opening and blessing of the "**St. John Paul II Museum**" where academic objects from his time at the Angelicum (1946-1948) will be displayed together with photos of his two visits to his alma mater (1979 and 1994). The event concludes with a reception in the Aula delle Colonne.



Being a student is a life dedicated to learning and we need to support them so they will be there for the next generation.

Alumni Call In

Last month the International Dominican Foundation hosted the first **Angelicum Alumni Call In**. We are pleased to say that for those who missed it, it is available for your listening. We had a little technical glitch but in the end it all worked well.

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IDEO comes to America



Fr. Jean-Jacques Pérennès, O.P. Director of the Dominican Institute of Oriental Studies in Cairo (IDEO) was the guest of the **International Dominican Foundation** for the **2014 Speaker's Tour**, visiting New York City, St. Louis, Memphis & New Orleans (see photos pp. 3-4). This Speaker's Tour was the first attempt by the Foundation to begin to reach out to a larger audience and increase awareness of the amazing projects we support. Fr. Jean-Jacques addressed the realities in Egypt, especially the current political and religious situation in Cairo and the works of IDEO. Distinguishing between four types of Muslim followers, he cautioned us in the West to not assume that all Muslims are radical. Recounting the Egyptian saying "Though many fingers we are one hand" his presentations highlighted the importance of the work being done that started half a century ago with Dominicans like Fr. Anawati and that continues to today. Describing the reason for these challenging differences between Muslims and Christian he says with a smile, "That is God's secret". cont. p.3.

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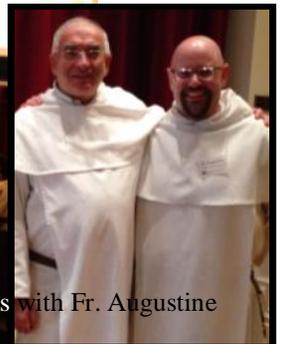


Sr. Catherine Marie Hopkins, O.P. (Foundation Board Member) with Fr. Michael and Fr. Jean-Jacques, Director of IDEO, Cairo



Presentation St. Peter's Church & Fr. Jean-Jacques with Fr. Augustine

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New Orleans

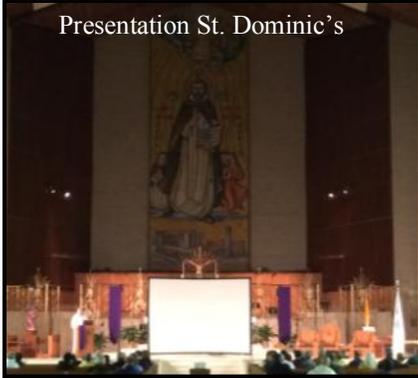


Reception at home of Dr. and Mrs. John Patrick Jordan.

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Article by Peter Finney Jr.



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Presentation St. Francis Xavier Old Metairie

Board Member Louise Jordan - *Striving for the Divine*

It is always a delight to see the many facets of an exquisite gem. It is true in precious stones and the precious people God sends us. It is a thrill to see the many ways a person shines, the unexpected ways, the ways you didn't know were there. One such gem is a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors, Louise Jordan. Her work was featured in the Spring 2014 issue of Art Voices and is worth sharing this gem. [Read more . . .](#)

