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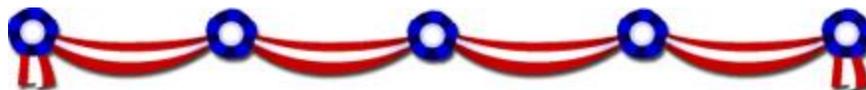
Vive l'in[ter]dépendance

The month of July commemorates the national identity of two great countries, France and the U.S. The Enlightened thinkers of the past put a high premium on independence, the notion of individual freedom and self determination. We can see these as the guiding principles of many modern democracies. It certainly is a noble sentiment but history also tells us that not all revolution serves the common good. In the wake of history we see the massacred children and innocent adults. One must take note of just how fragile the social order can be, especially as we see the Middle East in such upheaval. Ignorance and poverty have always been the festering wounds of violent revolution. Charles Dickens, in his beloved "Christmas Carol," has an impoverished boy and girl crawl out from the robes of Christmas Present telling us that they are Ignorance and Want. I dare say many of our modern revolutions have been born of these two, ignorance and poverty. We ought not to suppose that today's troubles are any different. In 1972 for the *World Day of Peace* Pope Paul VI wisely declared, "If you want peace, work for justice". Here we see the critical element that makes for peaceful revolution, that is justice.

Justice is about our right relations, "rendering to one another what is due to them by right" to use a standard definition. While independence was the champion of the 18th century we must now see the challenge of interdependence, our solidarity with one another. This is why the work being done in Jerusalem, Rome and Cairo is so valuable. The projects which the Foundation supports not only strive to engage in teaching but in dialogue, our better understanding one another. This happens in the lived realities of Israel, the modern struggles of Christianity in Europe, and in the streets of Cairo. Interdependence must rest on our common humanity and the dignity of person which is defined not by laws but is divinely ordained. Regardless of the cultural or religious context it is our shared humanity that makes us one. This Truth is at the very heart of Christianity's Incarnation. It is rooted in Judaism's monotheism and the Adamic Covenant. It is echoed in the Qur'anic vision of humankind. Our unity, our being one in the bonds of shared humanity is why independence, especially distorted by individualism, can be the tinder for violence and hatred. Article 1 of the 1948 "Universal Declaration of Human Rights" declared: "*All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.*"

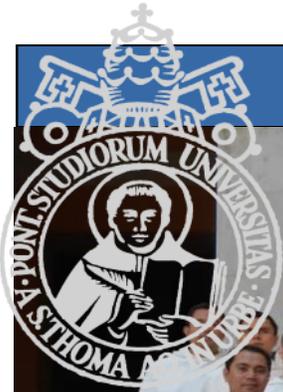
Reason and conscience come to us from the Creator and they are "endowed" gifts which must be nurtured and which must mature. More and more our age is duped by what I call a "media-Platonism," we think that the real is what we find in the media. We assume the media hype is more real than the real. All the spin, all the false narratives distort the human spirit. This is so opposed to the realism that Truth demands. It is only because of great institutions of study and learning that we can confront the challenges of our world. There is little doubt that the greatest threats to any tyrant comes from the freedom of conscience, and that manifested in the freedom of thought guarded by great institutions. Propaganda, whether in the form of narrow ideological control of universities and the media or in fundamentalist fanaticism, undermines the human project. In our information society especially there is greater demand for the premium we must demand of our "truth telling" which builds trust. Please support the Dominican Order in its service to *Veritas* and the work of its great institutions.

fr Michael



This Year, with your help, the International Dominican Foundation will be able to award close to 140,000.00 USD in grants, scholarships and assistance to the projects in Jerusalem, Rome and Cairo.

Many thanks for your continued support.



Angelicum: International Conference on Causality



Historical Sources and Systematic Challenges from a Thomistic Perspective

In June the Angelicum hosted a conference on the question of causality. “**Recovering Causality**” may seem like an odd topic to many of us but when you think about it, the question of how and why a thing acts upon another is crucial in science, morality, philosophy and theology. It is extremely valuable for us not to dismiss the wisdom of the ancients or to presume that our modern world’s understanding is vastly superior. There is good reason why the thought of people like **Aristotle** and **Aquinas** have endured through the centuries and provided correctives to our wrong thinking about things.



The Foundation provided partial funding for this conference because such research, such assiduous study must be supported. Many of us may not find the topics and talks ([listed here](#)) easy to grasp but we ought not to dismiss the value such conferences provide in our engaging the world today. Thanks to our Dominican brothers **Bernhard Blankenhorn**, **Efrem Jindráček**, **Thomas Joseph White** for organizing this conference.

Want to know more?

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.

[Jerusalem video](#)

[Rome video](#)

[Cairo video](#)

Tell us which video is your favorite [here](#).



The Promotion of Young Researchers



The École biblique et archéologique française de Jérusalem (E.B.A.F.), is world-famous for its scholarship in Biblical and archeological studies. This is why it is an ideal place for young scholars to visit and take advantage of the resources provided. The library is extraordinary, its collection includes biblical studies, theology, archaeology, ancient languages, and the history, culture and antiquities of the Middle East. Take advantage of this amazing resource. Check into studying at the École for a brief visit or an extended period of time. Click [HERE](#) for more information. You may be the next Lagrange, Boismard, de Vaux, Tournay or Benoit!



Dominican Scholars for the Future



Planning for the future requires enormous dedication and commitment. Who will be the scholars serving the Order in 2025, just eleven years from now? One such Dominican scholar for the future is fr. **Adrien Candiard, OP**, 31, who is a Regular Member of Dominican Institute for Oriental Studies who arrived in Egypt in 2012. A former student at the prestigious *École normale supérieure* in France, he holds master degrees in history and political science and has already published several books and essays.

Plans for his future include doctoral work at the *École pratique des Hautes Études* in Paris. He will work on a major medieval Islamic author, **Ibn Taymiyya** who is often used today by many traditional Muslims. In preparation for this critical work fr. Adrien plans to get a Master of Arts in Arabic studies. He will be spending the next two years

working in a program with specialization in Islamic studies, at the American University in Cairo.

The future of Dominican scholarship needs individuals like fr. Adrien who will apply themselves in the kind of research and study that enables us to better understand one another and foster greater respect. The work of IDEO is critical for Christians, Muslims, even all non-believers. Pope Francis, in his address on March 20, 2013 to religious leaders, rightly observed this sense of learning and peace. He said: *"...we also sense our closeness to all those men and women who, although not identifying themselves as followers of any religious tradition, are nonetheless searching for truth, goodness and beauty, the truth, goodness and beauty of God. They are our valued allies in the commitment to defending human dignity, in building a peaceful coexistence between peoples and in safeguarding and caring for creation."* (read full text [HERE](#)).

You may send a note to Fr Adrien by [email](#).

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Many Thanks!

HELP US OUT!

We need your help in supporting the projects designated by the Master of the Dominican Order



fr Bruno Cadoré

These projects, in Jerusalem, Rome and Cairo serve the Order, all of Christianity, and the cause of human understanding.

The **International Dominican Foundation** asks your help during

18 DAYS OF SUMMER JULY 22 TO AUGUST 8

Help us find ways for people, just like you to be able to support the Projects of the Master. In the Roman calendar there are two saints' days in July that are significant to Dominicans, they are July 22 and July 29, the feasts of Mary Magdalene and, according to John, her sister Martha. Martha and Mary represent the contemplative and active life so dear to Dominicans. Next comes August the 8th, ten days later, the feast of St. Dominic. Ten days that lead us to celebrating all that St. Dominic meant and how his spirit lives on in the work being done by the Order today.

What a perfect time to try and do something that will help support the projects of the Order. Gather in prayer and study! Plan an event or celebration! Visit the projects on line! Get people to sign up for the newsletter! Please help.

"we can make an effort to do the small things with great love" Mother Teresa

Some More Ways You Can Help!

Summer is the perfect time to get young and old engaged in supporting worthwhile projects like the International Dominican Foundation. There are so many small ways that people can help and have fun at the same time. One of the great things about doing a fundraiser is that you build community and commitment around something of value. **Grass root support is critical to organizations like ours.** In these kinds of social gatherings major donors see the value of our work in a larger light. They see their pastor who went to the Angelicum, the person teaching their son or daughter in high school about the Bible using the discoveries made at the École, or the person working at the U.N. who spent time in Cairo at IDEO getting to understand the Muslim Faith. These people are all part of the Foundation's support network. I believe in the saying "Many hands make light the labor". What a great way to join in the effort!

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7 A Talent Show. Involve your parish or organization in your own "X Factor." Charge an entry fee for contestants and an admission fee for the show. Let the audience vote and award prizes to top winners. Even have local celebrity judges. Great way to showcase talent for a really good cause.

8 Golf outing! This is a fun way to get people to support the projects. Designated holes could be played for one of the projects in Jerusalem, Rome and Cairo as a scramble or best ball play. 9 hole or 18 hole. Playing at a dollar amount per stroke is a fun way to help the Foundation. Fore!



Game Night Gala

Organize a nostalgic night of your favorite board games like Clue, Risk, or



9 Monopoly. Set a theme like "the 60s" or "Downton Abbey" asking people to dress for the period. Charge an admission fee to support the Foundation.

10 Get to Know Us Gathering Host a gathering in your home with wine and cheese, or cake and coffee just to let people know about the Foundation and the work being done in the projects. You might show the videos ([see page 2](#)), [flyers](#), [newsletters](#), etc. We are happy to help with ideas and information to make it easier.



11 50/50 Raffle This is a great way to way to raise funds. Sell raffle tickets to support the Foundation with half of the total being donated to the Foundation and the other half given as prizes.



Youth Car Wash.

College students, here is a way you can help. Summer months can be an ideal time to have a charity car wash. Get a store with a parking lot to host you, some local businesses to sponsor you and all you need are buckets, water, soap, sponges and volunteers.

Let people know about the projects with signs, posters and flyers. It is a great way to help these Dominican projects and to spend some time giving back and getting wet!



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Challenge to our Friends, to Alumni, to Dominicans, to Everyone!

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