



International Dominican Foundation

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Remembrance and Thanks

The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. This truth does not simply express a daily experience of faith, but recapitulates the heart of the mystery of the Church. In a variety of ways she joyfully experiences the constant fulfillment of the promise: "Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Mt 28:20)...

These opening lines from Pope John-Paul II's 2003 Encyclical letter *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* capture an important reality that is core to our identity, the abiding and real presence of Christ in our midst. November is a month of remembering and thanks. These two actions are but an echo of the Eucharistic reality that defines us. We are a people of the promise but at the same time a people who capture in our hearts its profound mystery. I am

time and time again made aware of the Eucharistic Church through the women and men who embody this mystery, this Incarnate dimension of life. The Eucharist truly is the wellspring of the Church's life. In our celebration of the Eucharist something unfolds before us like nothing else we can imagine. St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that it is something we can only comprehend in a sacramental way, in a way that draws us into the sacred, into the holiness of life. My special prayer this month is for all our dearly departed who have shown us the holiness of life and in thanksgiving for all those who even today reveal to us this great Eucharistic mystery. God bless, *fr Michael*



The École Biblique & Archeologique Française de Jerusalem

Research Beyond the Books: Studying the Bible in the Physical and Cultural Context

Sometimes we forget that the École Biblique is also a premier center for archeological research and Biblical topographical study. Reading the text in its context requires studying the land and its cultures. Students from the 2013-2014 program, directed by Fr. Gregory Tatum, OP (see course [HERE](#)) capture some of the moments of their year of study. In appreciation they put together a YouTube video that gives us a glimpse of the scholars and scholarship the next generation is working on, and these are not your stogy old archeologists. Though the text is in French everyone will appreciate the images and faces of



these scholars. I can't explain why but you will have to see for yourself, [HERE](#). No, seriously go [HERE NOW!](#) There truly is a joy in this kind of study that needs to be handed on from one generation to the next.





The Pontifical University of St. Thomas ~ *The Angelicum* Research Fit to Print: Keeping Theology Contemporary Generation after Generation

The Dominican motto implies that we share with others the fruit of our contemplation, and study is part of this. In all of our institutions scholars are called to publish, and the Pontifical University of St. Thomas supports this call; in 2002, it established the **Angelicum University Press (AUP)** with the aim of continuing the cultural initiative seen in the Collection, “*Studia Universitatis Sancti Thomæ in Urbe*,” begun in 1974. Currently, its primary goal is to publish Angelicum professors’ research, as well as the most valuable doctoral theses. In addition to various books the AUP also publishes several journals. **Angelicum** is the official journal of the University, founded in 1924 to promote the authentic tradition of Dominican Thomism. It fosters engagement with contemporary intellectual culture from a historical and systematic perspective. [Oikonomia-Journal of Ethics and Social Sciences](#) was founded in 1999 at the Faculty of Social Sciences (FASS). It is a collaborative project of the lecturers and students of the faculty, and of scholars who work with the FASS, covering five areas: philosophy, law, history, psycho-sociology, & economics. **Studi** is a series of monographs produced by the Istituto San Tommaso treating Thomistic themes including historical and contemporary hermeneutics of St. Thomas.



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Dominican Institute for Oriental Studies Research that Brings People Together: Peace Through Dialogue and Understanding



The Dominicans in Cairo foster greater awareness and appreciation among Christians and Muslims through research and dialogue. Since 1954, the [MIDEO](#) (Mélanges de l’Institut Dominicain d’Etudes Orientales) has been the result of the work of IDEO’s members. Published through Editions Peeter of Louvain it has acquired an international audience. It offers the members of the Institute and its collaborators an opportunity to publish their work. Each issue, comprising nearly 500 pages, includes critical reviews of editions of Arabic texts reviewed by the academic community. The journal is meant to be the expression of the Institute’s objectives: studying Islam and its sources through in-depth studies, going beyond cultural and religious misunderstanding; and tracking contemporary developments in current research. MIDEO publishes a Supplement series of books. The aim of this series is to provide an opportunity for publication of more substantial works of monograph length and collective works on particular themes.



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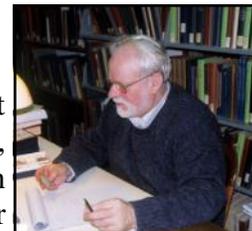
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Directeur

Fr. Marcel Sigrist, OP is a French Dominican and the current Director of École Biblique of Jerusalem born August 19, 1940, in Bessines-sur-Gartempes (Haute Vienne), France. He began his doctoral studies at Yale University (USA) in 1972 after which he taught at the École since 1976. In 1983 the Congregation for Catholic Education in Rome granted the École Biblique the right to confer the degree of Doctor of Biblical Sciences. It was in 2012 that the Order set up a Board of Moderators as the executive body of the school, appointing frs. Marcel Sigrist (Director), Olivier-Thomas Venard (Deputy Director), Marc Leroy (Secretary of Education), and Dominique Marie Cabaret (Administrator).



Rector Magnifico

Fr. Miroslav Konštanc Adam, OP (born August 2, 1963 in Michalovce) is a Slovak Roman Catholic priest. He was ordained June 24, 1995, and since 2001 has held the doctorate in canon law. On March 26, 2012, he was named rector of Angelicum and was installed on May 4.



On September 20, 2014, he was appointed by His Holiness, Pope Francis, as a member of a Special Commission for the study of the reform of the matrimonial process in canon law. The work of the Commission will start as soon as possible and will have as its goal to prepare a proposal of reform of the matrimonial process, with the objective of simplifying and streamlining its procedure, while safeguarding the principle of the indissolubility of matrimony.

Directeur

Jean Druel was born January 21, 1971. He is a French Dominican living in Cairo, and a passionate linguist of Islamic culture. After studying theology in France at the Catholic Institute of Paris, he moved to Cairo where he trained as a teacher of Arabic at the American University. He completed his PhD in the History of Arabic grammar at the University of Nijmegen in the Netherlands. He is proficient in French, English, Egyptian, and Modern Standard Arabic. Last month he was named the new Director of the Dominican Institute of Oriental Studies. This year he published a book on spirituality titled *Petit manuel de speed dating avec Dieu: Kit d'urgence pour gens pressés* ["A Brief Guide to Speed Dating with God: Emergency Kit for Busy People"] (CERF EDITIONS, 2014).



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Many hands make light the labor

Want to do just one little thing to help? Scared to try? There are hundreds of ways you can help and it doesn't require your writing a big check. In fact the reality is you end up being enriched by helping to support a good cause. Here are six more fun things to do to help support the works of the Foundation. If you can think of other fun ways to help raise awareness or support for the International Dominican Foundation [send us an email!](#) Your creativity and imagination are most welcome.

For other "Ways to Help" (# 1-30) see previous 5 newsletters [here](#).

31 Quilting for a Cause

Start a quilting bee with the purpose of selling or raffling off your finished quilts. Small quilts for baby or wall decorations could be a great way to bring people together using the skills and talents God has given and to help a good cause. You end up being twice blessed in the community of friends working together and in helping the works of the International Dominican Foundation.



Artists Exhibition If you are an artist see if other artists would like to exhibit their work with your and give a certain percentage of the sales to charity. Once you have a group of willing artists, contact coffee houses, restaurants, and office buildings to find a suitable venue for your exhibit. Advertise in local papers, church bulletins, etc. and promote the arts while helping the works of the Foundation.



33 Concert

Piano concerts, string quartets, vocal trio, all kinds of ways to make music and to help. High school and College students especially can organize a concert to support the projects in Jerusalem, Rome and Cairo. It is easy. You will never know until you try it!



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Pancake Breakfast/Supper

Get your parish or club to hold a pancake breakfast or a pancake supper to raise money for one of the projects. What's not to like about it. Sweet!



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Three-on-Three Sport Tournament

Organize a basketball tournament in your school or community. This can also be done with soccer, tennis, badminton, volleyball, or almost any other sport.



Charge a small entry fee, have a concession stand, and raffle off donated prizes. It's a great way to help. Score!

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35 Bowling Night

Organize a bowling night or a competition. Charge everyone a small fee to enter or have participants get bowl-a-thon pledges. Get people to pledge 5¢ to \$1 a pin and hope you bowl a perfect 300 game. Great way to get neighbors together or college students.



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