



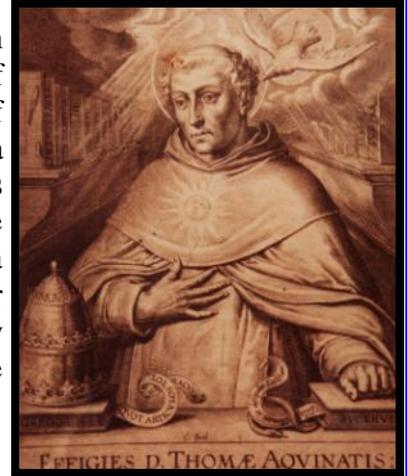
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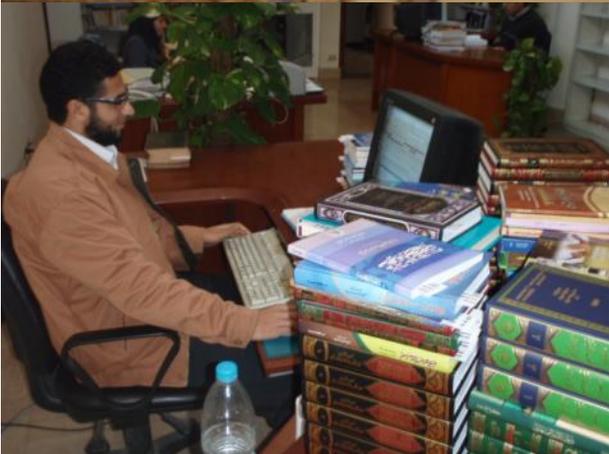
## Celebrating St. Thomas Aquinas

Dominicans, and the Church, can be proud of the contributions made by the 13th century theologian and thinker, **Thomas Aquinas**. His ability to search the world of human thought and discover the mind and mystery of God has benefited generations of thinking believers. As the Catholic Church celebrates his feast on **January 28th** it is a fitting time to pause and appreciate what this “angelic doctor” has given us in the areas of ethics, natural law, metaphysics, and political theory. His renowned work, the *Summa of Theology* sees theology as science in the medieval sense, examining the data of Scriptures and Tradition to encounter the ultimate destiny of humankind. Study or learning is key, the more we rightly know our world the more we come to intimately know the Creator. Wonder, discovery, pondering the mystery are all proper to the Dominican heritage which the projects embody and hand on to a new generation.

*fr Michael*



## IDEO in Cairo World Class Research Library



For the researcher of today IDEO offers its library, which is considered preeminent in the world of **Islamic Studies**. The library has over 155,000 volumes, including nearly 1,800 journals and periodicals. Its mission is to cover

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In addition the library offers its readers free consultation for the digital libraries [JSTOR](#) and [Cairn](#). The collection is available

through our online catalog, [AlKindi](#). which responds to an average of more than 90,000 queries per day from all over the world.



# The Bible in Its Traditions:

## An Exciting New Blog Worth Seeing

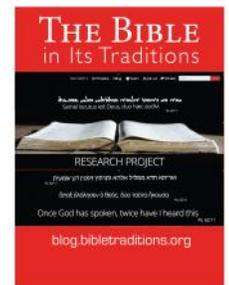


Imagine if you set the goal to create a comprehensive research, study, and reading tool for the Bible, emphasizing the variety of traditions in the biblical text, and the depth and breadth of its interpretations throughout centuries, persuasions, and disciplines. If you wanted to present a variety of the original biblical versions. The biblical text is represented not only by the Hebrew and Greek but also by the Latin, Syriac, and Aramaic traditions. The reception of these works up to the current time contains information on how these text came to be and what they meant then. But it also shows us how the text have been used since, in the Jewish tradition, in the theology and liturgy of the Church, and how it has shaped world culture.

Imagine how you would divide the areas of research into:

1. **'Text'**, to include notes dealing with the linguistic and literary description of the text, from points in textual criticism to more literary remarks.
2. **'Contexts'** to group notes dealing with archaeology, history, geography, or texts of the ancient world and cultures, relevant to the production of a Biblical text.
3. **'Reception'** to comprise the most important readings of the text throughout history, starting from possible intertextual echoes in parallel texts (in the canonical Bible, in Jewish tradition, or in apocryphal works), continuing to some of the most important readings, including the Church Fathers, medieval Latin and Orthodox theologians, Syriac and other Oriental writers and Protestant Reformers, and liturgy. More cultural notes will also feature philosophy, literature, and visual arts.

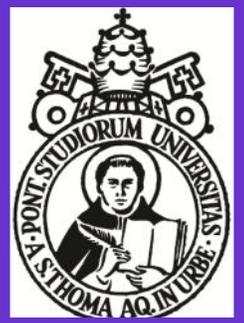
<http://blog.bibletraditions.org/>



## The Pontifical University of St. Thomas

... from the Angelicum e-Newsletter

### Two Friars called to service.

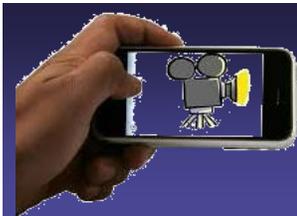


Our Holy Father Francis has appointed Rev. Fr. **Lorenzo Lorusso, O.P.**, Professor of the Faculty of Canon Law as the Undersecretary of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches. This appointment is a great honor for Fr. Lorusso and for the Angelicum which continues to serve the Church in its faculty, students, and alumni.

Prof. **Serge-Thomas Bonino, O.P.**, Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy of the University, has been appointed by His Holiness, Pope Francis, as the new President of the [Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas](#) (est. 1879)

While thanking our Holy Father for this great honor accorded to our Academic Institution, we congratulate and wish Fr. Serge-Thomas Bonino, O.P. on this prestigious appointment.

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# Catholic Colleges and High Schools we want you!

## GET INVOLVED!



If you are a college student or high school student and want to get involved, this is for you. If you are part of campus ministry at your school or university and want to make a difference, this is for you. If you are a teacher or professor and want your students to connect with a bigger world of values, this is for you. If you are a principal or a sponsoring congregation and want to connect with exciting Catholic projects, this is for you.

Pope Francis has made a special call to young adults to let their Faith come alive, to find ways to immerse themselves in the celebration of a more abundant life. Often times we miss or are unaware of opportunities that afford young people the chance to be part of life, to make a difference, to get involved.

We want you,! We want any young women and men in college or high school who are eager to get involved. Who want to connect with more than the boring realities, but who want to come alive, who want to be part of discovering the Word of God, who want to meet the individual on the frontiers of our Faith.

*"Dear young people, please, don't be observers of life, but get involved. Jesus did not remain an observer, but he immersed himself. Don't be observers, but immerse yourself in the reality of life, as Jesus did."*

— Pope Francis, July 27, 2013 Youth Prayer Vigil at Rio

We are looking for young people to be part of a pilot program to link with our projects in Jerusalem, Rome and Cairo. It is a way to be involved first hand with the works being done at the Ecole in Jerusalem, with students from around the world studying at the Angelicum in Rome, and with scholars at IDEO, living in Cairo and the ancient lands of Egypt. Getting involved is about bringing together our projects and young people who want to be more than observers of life. So if you are interested and want to be part of something amazing write to us at [info@intldom.org](mailto:info@intldom.org)

We will send you information on how to apply to be part of this great international network of Dominican projects. You will need to have initiative and leadership skills, be good with people and able to motivate others. Be part of something bigger and GET INVOLVED.



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Many Thanks!



# A view from the Angelicum

This past November, Dominique Monlezun, our Executive Administrator was able to visit the international headquarters for the Dominican Order at **Santa Sabina** as well as the **Pontifical University of St. Thomas**. **Fr. Dominic Izzo**, Socius to the Master for North America and member of the **International Dominican Foundation** Board kindly led Dominique through the grounds of Santa Sabina including St. Dominic's cell, now a chapel where Dominique was able to offer a prayer for the Foundation's donors and projects. Leaving Santa Sabina to visit the Angelicum one goes down the Aventine Hill to the Tiber River on the *Clivo di Rocco Savella*, walking the same steps St. Dominic trod almost 800 years ago. At the Angelicum Dominique met with Fr. **Miroslav Konstant Adam** (Rector), Fr. **Virgilio Ambrosini** (Administrator), and Fr. **Alejandro Crosthwaite** (Public Relations Officer). One is struck by the ancient walls where so many famous alumni studied and prayed: Marie-Dominique **Chenu**, Cardinal **Dolan** and most notably Pope **St. John-Paul the Great**. But these ancient walls tell another jolting, sobering story as one sees sections of the university's collapsing roof and the pressing financial need to repair

this great edifice of learning. Time takes its toll especially on a building that has stood since 1575. Meeting the realities of the 21st century demands repairing and remodeling so as to better serve the school's new needs.



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PHOTOS: (1) Basilica of Santa Sabina; (2) S. Sabina Cloister; (3) fountain in from of the basilica; (4) The Angelicum; (5) Dominique & Fr. Alejandro; (6) scaffolding for major repairs to the school.

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