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Lent: A Time for Change

Be Transformed by the Renewal of Your Minds



This passage from Paul's Letter to the Romans (12:2) always speaks to be as a Dominican and in so many ways. Often in Lent we ponder giving up our favorite foods or take on a discipline or try to change our flaws, our vices. But recently I have begun to reflect on Paul's call to transformation, especially as we approach Lent. The Church gives us this season of conversion to better prepare ourselves for the Easter celebration, the pinnacle of the liturgical year. What better way to ready ourselves than by the "renewal of our minds" this Lent. What better time to change the old ways of living and being.

Reflecting on the projects of the Foundation is a great way to begin to change, to be transformed. I would like to suggest that this Lent you set aside three distinct times for reflection and prayer guided by each of the Order's three project in Jerusalem, Rome and Cairo. Take one period to engage **Jerusalem** the Holy Land where our Lord walked, preached, healed and died. Sit for a while with the Scriptures, the Sacred Text and the people and places. Then a time to reflect on **Rome**, the center of our Catholic Faith, where saints and martyrs, young and old have come to the See of Peter, where prelate and theologian strive to know God's revelation for today. And finally to ponder **Cairo**, that place of refuge for the Holy Family in a time of persecution, where Christians and Muslims live together learning the richness of the Abrahamic covenant. In a world divided by violence the Dominicans work to understand the One True God amid religious strife, amid the broken rubble of war. This Lent be transformed by the renewal of your minds.

fr Michael



Jerusalem Symposium: *A Gathering of Scholars*



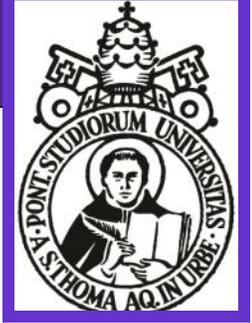
Friars from around the globe gather.

From 3-5 January 2015, fifteen Dominican friars from across the regions and provinces of the Order met in Jerusalem at the Ecole Biblique et Archéologique Française for a three-day symposium. The group from Poland, England, Ireland, France, Croatia, Ukraine, the United States, Mexico and the Philippines was formed out of an initiative of the Master of the Order, fr Bruno Cadoré, calling for brothers engaged in exegetical work and biblical studies to collaborate for the mission of the Order. -

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Rome: Ever Consider Studying at the Angelicum?



Imagine yourself as a new student in Rome, beginning your term at the Angelicum, all the questions and puzzling procedures necessary to be a student abroad. Many of us take for granted that most students at the Angelicum must be old pros at this but I know that no matter how old you are or how young starting studies abroad is riddled with concerns and anxieties. There are almost always unplanned costs that seem to pop up and even more documentation that needs to be done.

On Friday, February 13th new students will experience an afternoon designed to orient them to life at the “Ange” Beginning with a greeting from Fr. Costanzo Adam, Rector Magnifico of the university, student will be introduced to the academic authorities they will need to work with during the year as well as various services provided.

Once their studies begin a typical day will consist of four lectures of one hour each, in the morning for theology and in the afternoon for philosophy. Theologians might also

attend seminars, with smaller class sizes and more discussion, in the afternoon as well. The Angelicum attracts students from all over the world, with increasing numbers from India, Africa and South America. The majority of these students are still seminarians, priests or members of religious orders, but recent years have seen an increasing number of lay students undertaking studies as well. Please help us to support these students who give great hope to the Church.

Cairo: A Land of Libraries and Learning



From the ancient Library of Alexandria to the satellite dishes atop the Cairo structures, Egyptian culture has been one of learning and discovery. The Dominican Institute of Oriental Studies (IDEO) continues this intellectual heritage in its mission to dialogue. IDEO comprises a team of scholars and researchers wishing to promote better understanding among Christians and Muslims. To fulfill this mission IDEO maintains its library, considered prominent in the world of Islamic studies, housing over 155,000 volumes, including nearly 1,800 journals and periodicals. Your support is much needed for this important ministry. Please help.



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Catholic Colleges and High Schools we need you!

GET INVOLVED!



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.

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.

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@intltdom.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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