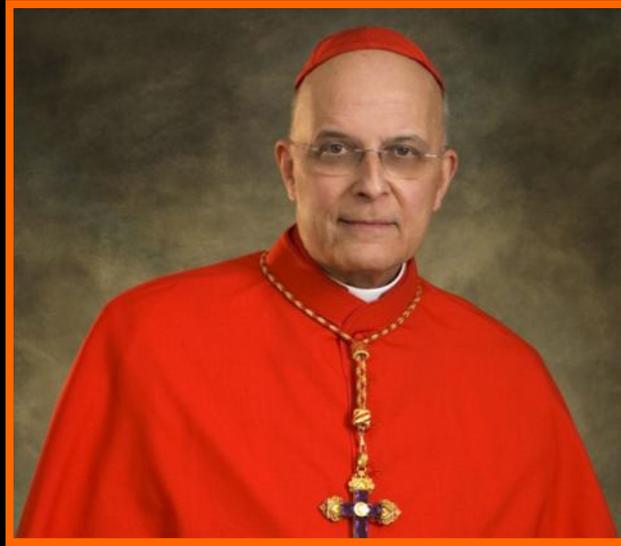




# International Dominican Foundation

APRIL 2015

## In Remembrance of Francis Cardinal George *January 16, 1937- April 17, 2015*



**May 1996 – November 2014 | Archbishop of Chicago**  
**January 18, 1998 | Named Cardinal by His Holiness Pope John Paul II**



I first met Bishop George in the mid 1990s when we both attended a conference at Mundelein Seminary on contemporary theological education. At that time he was the bishop of Yakima, Washington, a place I had never hear of before then. I was about to move to New Mexico to establish a center for adult faith formation, the Dominican Ecclesial Institute. I recall that conversation and Bishop George’s interest in ongoing faith formation, especially in diocese with limited resources. When I became president of the UDFUSA we again met in San Diego for the Board meeting, on which Cardinal George served as an Honorary Member of the Board. It was reminded of his long friendship with Fr. Val McInnes, going back to their time at Tulane University, where Cardinal George earned a doctorate in American Philosophy,



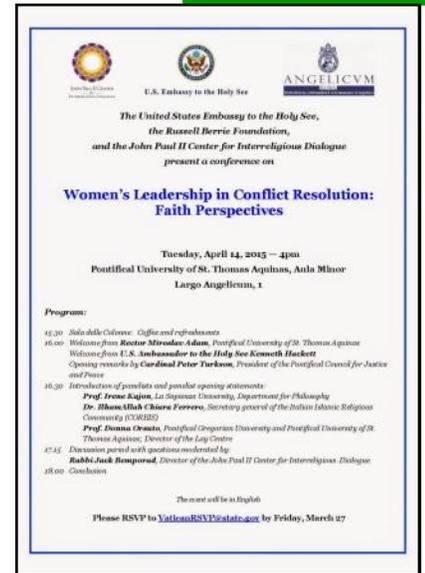
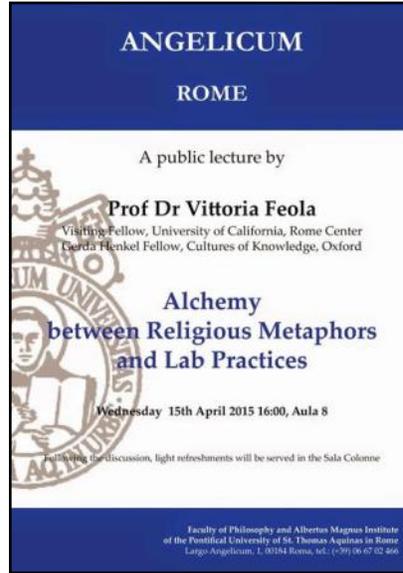
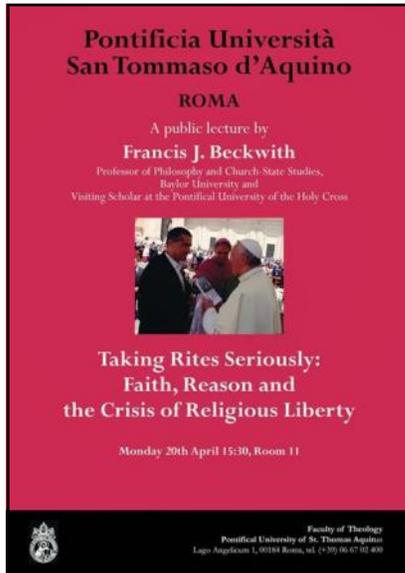
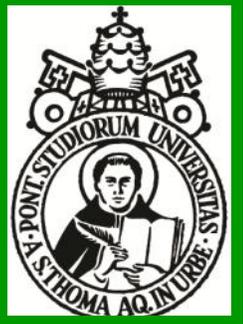
writing on “Society and Experience: a Critique of the Social Philosophies of Josiah Royce, George Herbert Mead and Roy Wood Sellars”. His appreciation and support for the works of the Foundation were much appreciated. *fr Michael*



PHOTOS: Cardinal George with crozier and pallium (upper left; Pope Francis greeting Cardinal George (right); Chicagoan fr. Michael Cardinal George, Board Member Richard Doran, and Cardinal Egan (lover left)



# The Angelicum Public Lectures: Engaging Minds, Challenging Ideas



In April a series of lectures hosted by the Angelicum Faculties extended and enhanced the mission of the university in dialogue with the larger public on theological, philosophical and inter-religious issues of the day.

## Theology Public Lecture

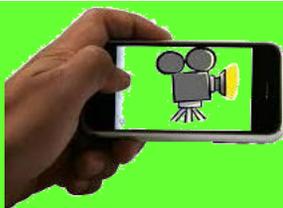
The Faculty of Theology hosts a public lecture by **Prof. Francis J. Beckwith**, Professor of Philosophy and Church State Studies at Baylor University and Visiting Scholar at the Pontifical Antheneum of the Holy Cross; entitled *Taking Rites Seriously: Faith, Reason and the Crisis of Religious Liberty*. The lecture took place **Monday, April 20, 2015 at 15.30 in Aula 11**.

## Philosophy Public Lecture

The Faculty of Philosophy cordially hosts a public lecture by **Prof. Vittoria Feola**, Visiting Fellow at the University of California Rome Center and Gerda Henkel Fellow of Cultures of Knowledge in Oxford, U.K.; entitled *Alchemy between Religious Metaphors and Lab Practices*. The lecture took place **Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 16.00 in Aula 8**

## Inter-Religious Public Lecture

The **United States Embassy to the Holy See**, The **Russell Berrie Foundation** and the **John Paul II Center for Interreligious Dialogue** hosted a conference on *Women's Leadership in Conflict Resolution: Faith Perspectives* on **Tuesday April 14, 2015 at 16.00** in the **Aula Minor**



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# News from the École Biblique

## International Events and Partnerships

**In Quebec this summer** On Monday 6 and Tuesday, July 7, 2015, in Montreal ten potential collaborators will meet around two or three employees proved to exchange the experience of laboratories "The Bible in its traditions," and eventually begin work on new books. - *July 6 and 7 of the Dominican Pastoral Institute, Chemin Côte Sainte-Catherine, Montreal*

**In Argentina this summer congress of the SBL** Between 20 and 24 July, Buenos Aires, prof.Santiago Rostom present our research program as part of a Program Unit on translations of the Bible in Argentina today.

**In Paris next winter?** Several contributors or French friends willing to contribute ask us to arrange a meeting to "launch" or "recovery". Thank you to you to express your interest by sending us a mail (via the form at the bottom of this blog).

**In the UK in one year and a half** On the 25th and 26th of June 2016, [Liverpool Hope University](#) plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Jerusalem Bible as first adapted for the English speaking readership by Rev. Prof.Dr. Alexander Jones. The Bible in Its Tradition Research Programme is looking to participate in a symposium which could be organized in the previous days (21-24th of June 2016).

**New inter-academic partnerships** Since January, our research program was able to seal several new partnerships.

**UNIVERSITY OF PARIS** After a year of negotiations and administrative process, a memorandum of exchange and cooperation was signed on 5 December 2014, which will allow the exchange of teachers and young researchers.

**HIGH SCHOOL PRACTICE OF STUDIES** On 9 January 2015, a scientific cooperation agreement was signed between the Biblical and the École Pratique des Hautes Etudes. It provides for collaboration in the context of our research program. We hope in particular the participation of prof.Simon Mimouni a team 'Acts of the Apostles' intandem with Dr. Justin Taylor sm Two PhD students are already in the EPHE contact us within the context of their theses

**LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY (UK)** The birthplace of the "Jerusalem Bible" is now in partnership with one of the Jerusalem Bible". [Read more...](#)

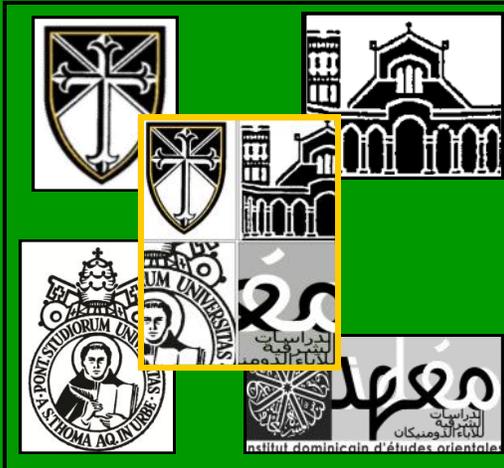
**MAJOR SEMINARY OF VERSAILLES** February 9, 2015, a luncheon was hosted by Bishop Eric Chaplain, Bishop of Versailles with biblical scholars from the seminary and partnership has been agreed between the seminary and The Bible in Its Traditions.

**UNIVERSITY NEUCHÂTEL (CH)** April 4, 2015, we signed a cooperation agreement between the École Biblique and the University of Neuchâtel, inspired by Dr. François Wasteland providing excellent scientific and editorial assistant in the office of Jerusalem this year, under the responsibility of Prof. Jean-Pierre Van Elslande.



Hope University Meeting  
(Prof. Gergely Juhasz, Dominika Kurek-Chomycz, Miss Sarah Whitear, fr. Olivier-Thomas Venard, Dom Henry Wansbrough)

# Supporting the Works of the Order: A Collaborative Alliance



Over the past two and a half years the Board of the International Dominican Foundation has been undergoing a time of evaluating its organization and operations. I am pleased to say that the results of this internal review have provided us with a clearer sense of our mission and partners in the works of the Order. As you know the Dominican projects in Jerusalem, Rome and Cairo serve the Church in education, formation and ministry. The role of the International Dominican Foundation is to work with these projects in generating strong donor support here in the U.S. and, in turn, throughout the Order. Our responsible management of the investments provides a regular source of support for the project. Our maintaining relations with our supporters through the newsletter, Facebook, mailings and correspondence brings these works of the Order to a larger audience. Our keeping accurate tax and charitable records for our donors enables us to benefit from national and corporate policies and grants. Our dedication to accurate and open operations through external reviews and audits enable us to demonstrate to our donors the needs of the projects being met because of the Foundation's work.

But this is just one side of the reality of our work. At the direction of the Board and the four U.S. provincials we have undertaken stronger collaboration with the projects and their friars responsible for development and institutional advancement. This has been an untapped network in the past due to distance and the distinctive character of Dominican institutions which value the local life of a community and the larger brotherhood of the Dominican Order itself. Over the past 5 years technologies have made it possible to eliminate the problem of distance with online meetings and the variety of internet services help us to more effectively promote our efforts. With the projects of the Order and our Board of Bishops, Provincials and Laity we are moving to collaboration that better matches our resources and personnel. This year we will be working to iron out the bugs as we transition to a more efficient structure for IDFUSA and to better utilize Dominicans from the Ecole, the Angelicum and IDEO visiting the States for research.



## Events:

On March 1st, we hosted a conference on "The Franco-Egyptian Relationship in the Context of Regional Upheaval" attended by welcomed **Mr. Nicolas Kassianides**, the First Counselor of the French Embassy in Cairo. The conference was organized as part of the evening events of the Friends of IDEO in Cairo. On March 3rd, **Jonathan Stutz**, a PhD student at the University of Basel, presented his research on the Arab historiographical discourses on Constantine, comparing Christian and Muslim narratives of Constantine's conversion to Christianity. On March 10th, **fr. Giuseppe Scattolin** presented his new book, *Ta'ammulāt taṣawwufī fi al-wa-l-Hiwar al-Dini* ("Reflections on Sufism and interreligious dialogue"). He presented the three levels of reading Sufi texts: 1) contextual (on the meaning of words in the text itself), 2) historical (on the meaning of the words in the other authors of the same period), and 3) meta-historical (on the meaning of the words in the reader's experience). On March 17th, **fr. Jean Druel** hosted a seminar session on "Ibn Manzur (711/1311): the Lisān al-‘Arab or the genius of compilation". As the classical corpus of the Arabic language was practically closed by the 4th/10th century, the post-Arab lexicographers were then able to practice their art with the exhaustive compilation of the language's words.

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