

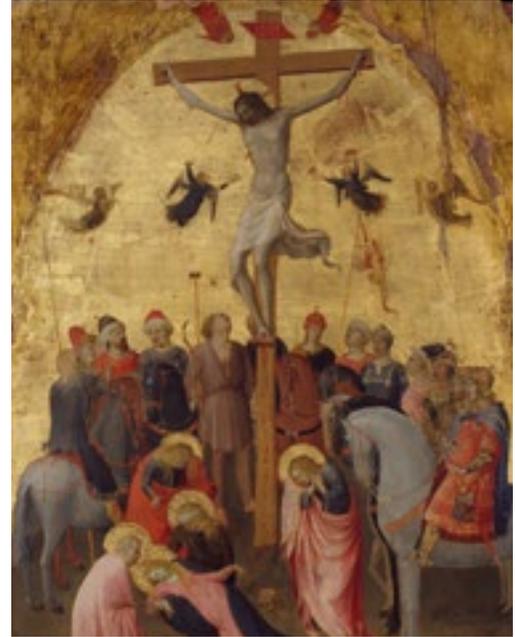


## President's Message:

### ✧ Preaching in the Light of the Resurrection ✧

A blessed Holy Week and celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection from the dead to all of you! The Christian faith informs us that the events the Church solemnly celebrates around this time each year beginning with the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to his resurrection on Easter Sunday are the most important in human history. The liturgies of Holy Week call to mind the fulfillment of prophecies, the dashing of worldly hopes and victory of spiritual battles, the tragic and yet providential intrigue of sinners that handed over the spotless Lamb of God as a sacrifice for our sin, the institution of the Eucharist and the ministerial priesthood of Jesus Christ, and the lynch-pin event of Christian faith the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The life and death of Jesus Christ makes all the difference in the life and death of each believer, and they are the indispensable truths that lay at the heart of the Dominican charism to praise, to bless, and to preach.

This year the Order of Preachers celebrates its 800th anniversary of its recognition by the Holy See. There would be no Order of Preachers if it were not for the life-giving sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins. The institution of the Church is marked by the flowing of blood and water from Jesus' side—those signs of Baptism and the Eucharist which give life to the Church—at the end of Christ's time on the cross, and the resurrection from the dead, which confirmed the truth of Jesus' identity, all of his teachings, and forever cast a new eternal light on human life in this world. That light reveals the mercy and justice that is God's nature. That light presents every human being with the possibility of a saving knowledge and love of God through incorporation into the mystical body of Our Lord, i.e. the Church. That light reflects the unconquerable power of charity, Divine love, which the Triune God offers us and which is indispensable for lasting human happiness. That light informs us that Jesus in his Resurrection has conquered sin and death with all of its corrupting power and its manifestations of divisions. Because of the Resurrection, the human race is able to look to Jesus with lasting hope as the source of truth, unity, and reconciliation. St. Dominic's zeal for souls can only be understood in this light, and his desire to share the living faith through a clear articulation of the Church's saving doctrine continues to animate the work of the Order of Preachers to this day.



*Fra Angelico (Guido di Pietro) (Italian, Vicchio di Mugello ca. 1395–1455 Rome)  
Date: ca. 1420–23*

As St. Paul reminds us in his eloquent fifteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians: “If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.”

We at the IDF and the institutions that we support (the Angelicum, L'Ecole Biblique, and IDEO) wish each of you the joy which only faith in the Lord's Resurrection can produce. We thank you for your generosity in the past and ask you to continue to assist us in proclaiming Our Lord's life-giving Resurrection, and please be assured of our on-going prayers for each of you.

In Christ,

Very Rev. Allen Moran  
President



# Ukrainian graduate student at the Angelicum University

My name is Nazar Sloboda and I am a lay graduate student at the Angelicum University.

I was born and grew up in the western Ukrainian city of Lviv, a historic center of two religious traditions (Christian and Jewish) and three Christian denominations (Latin Catholic, Ukrainian Catholic and Armenian Catholic) in the time when religion was put down and the Ukrainian Catholic Church was persecuted and as a result of these persecutions it had to stay underground. My first parish pastor, who returned to the Lord in 1996, spent 25 years in total in Soviet prisons defending his faith and right to worship freely. However, the late 80's of the 20th century brought a lot of positive changes to Eastern Europe, especially in the realm of religious freedom. While I was a student at the local University of Lviv in the early 90's, I developed an interest in the study of religion. Soon I entered into the minor seminary in the USA. In the Spring of 2006, after undergoing many years of studies I received my Bachelor's degree and the M.A. in Theology from Christ the King Seminary outside Buffalo, NY. Moreover, I had the privilege to work for more than five years at the Ukrainian Catholic Bishop's chancery in Chicago, IL, being the private secretary of the bishop prior to my departure to Rome at the end of 2011.



During my service in the bishop's chancery, I understood how important ecumenical ministry was, promoting mutual reconciliation and understanding among baptized Christians as well as our neighbors of other faith traditions for the preaching of the gospel in the Ukrainian community. Consequently, I became involved in various ecumenical and interreligious activities conducted under the patronage of the Archdiocese of Chicago. I realized that my experience could also be very useful in Ukraine. Thankfully, I received the bishop's blessing to begin my specialty studies at the Angelicum University in Rome.

I began my studies in the ecumenical section of the theology department in October of 2011. Currently, I am pursuing my doctoral studies. For all these years, I was truly blessed to be a member of a diverse student body of priests, religious brothers and sisters and laypeople from the five continents of the world. I was taught and formed by the world experts in the area of ecumenism and interreligious dialogue. I can testify to the fact the Angelicum University is one of the best places for ecumenical and interreligious studies. I am truly grateful to everybody, who made it possible for me to come to Rome and study at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas.

As I was finishing my licentiate degree, a great tragedy came to Ukraine. The outbreak of war in 2014 brought tears, hatred and death to the people of Ukraine. Recently, Pope Francis denounced the scandal of the fact that the people who have the same baptism are fighting amongst themselves. Following the directive of the Holy Father, we must work hard to stop the tragedy of war and with the help of the international community promote dialogue of reconciliation and peace. It seems that authentic ecumenical and interreligious ministry of mutual reconciliation and positive common witness is more needed than ever.

I would ask your favor to pray fervently for the people of Ukraine, asking the Lord to grant the end to scandal of war while doing their share in promoting a genuine peace of Christ among the Christians and all the people of good will. Also, I would ask you to support the service of the Angelicum University where I was always taught to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with the Lord.



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*Fr. Gregory Tatum, O.P. is a New Testament Scholar and Professor at the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem.*

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## Fr. Olivier Thomas, O.P. of the Ecole Biblique give the 2016 Aquinas Lecture

On February 23, 2016, Fr. Olivier Thomas, O.P., Vice Director of the Ecole Biblique gave the annual Aquinas Lecture at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley, California. The lecture, entitled "Life, Language and Christ: A Thomistic Approach" explored the similarities between our "life in Christ" and our life "with language". The entire lecture is recorded and available online at this link <http://livestream.com/dspt/aquinas-lecture>.



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St. Stephen's Basilica

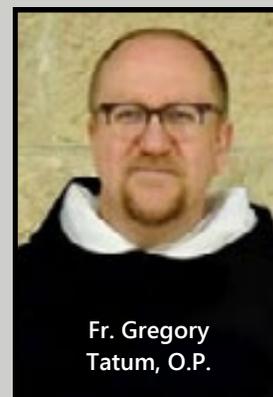


Bethlehem, Church of the Nativity

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