



President's Message:

∞ Mater Gratiae: Marian Devotion ∞



Fra Angelico. The Coronation of the Virgin. 1430-1432. The Louvre, Paris, France. Web.

The month of May in the Catholic Church has traditionally been devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, who has a revered place in the history of the Order of Preachers. In the early lore of the Order, there is a story of a vision of the Mother of God that took place before the founding of the order in which Mary pleads before her son to send preachers into the world. Constantine of Orvieto in his *legenda* writing a little more than twenty years after the death of St. Dominic claims that the founder entrusted the entire care of his order to Mary's protection. On the feast of the Assumption of Mary in the year 1217, Dominic dispersed the first band of friars to Paris and Spain from their humble beginnings in Toulouse. Even in the *Primitive Constitutions* of the Order, the friars made profession and promised obedience, "to God and to Blessed Mary and to you...Master of the Order of Preachers." By the end of the thirteenth century, it was a well-established custom in the Order for the friars to begin their day with the Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary and to end it with the singing of the *Salve Regina*.

In all of these devotions, Dominicans seek the prayerful intercession of the first and most perfect of Our Lord's disciples, so that all that they do and all that they preach may more perfectly redound the glory of Him to whom Mary gave human nature and all of her love and attention. If it is true that the love found in friendships leads us to love those that our friends love, then the love cultivated for the Son of Man in turn leads to a love for the one whom he loved, respected, and honored as a son: Mary his mother. Likewise love for the mother fosters love for the one whom she is recommending: *Do whatever he tells you* (Jn. 2:5).

We ask for Our Blessed Mother's continued intercession for all those who labor and study at the Angelicum, the Ecole Biblique, and IDEO as well as for each of our benefactors who help to make this study of the Word of God possible.

In Christ,

Very Rev. Allen Moran



Angelicum University Alumna now Department Head at the Catholic University in Slovakia

My name is Andrea Božeková. I am from Slovakia and I am a former student of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, where I defended my licentiate thesis in 2011 entitled “Social Capital & Institutional Income in the Work of Robert Putnam”. Presently I am head of the Department of Political Sciences at the Faculty of Arts and Letters at the Catholic University in Ružomberok, Slovakia. I am very thankful for this position, not only because of the great possibilities it offers me for professional growth, but mainly for the opportunities for spiritual and human growth based on Christian values. During my studies at the Angelicum I came in contact with this perspective and better understood the importance of a Catholic and Christian perspective at the University level.



Firstly, I would like to emphasize that my decision to study at the Angelicum was the best I could have ever made! My mind, thanks to great lectures and outstanding professors, was opened to a broader perspective during my two-years of studies. What’s more, I found some new friends with whom I am still in touch. Thanks to my international classmates, I encountered new cultures, traditions and ways of thinking. Moreover, I am very happy that I studied in Rome, one of the prominent cradles of Western civilization and Christianity. I consider the Angelicum the best place to obtain a high academic standard of study as well as practical preparation for valuable and world-changing work. I am a perfect example of this. Four years after my return from Rome, I can say with certainty that thanks to the education I acquired at the Faculty of Social Sciences, I can do my best in what I am doing now –be a highly qualified and productive academic and a profoundly Christian change agent at the university and the wider community in Slovakia.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to everyone at the Angelicum who helps create the positive conditions for excellent study as well as a friendly, familial and spiritual atmosphere. I would like to encourage current students to get the best out of their stay in Rome and to be curious about all-kinds of knowledge. It is a very precious opportunity to study at a University that follows in the tradition of St. Thomas Aquinas and in the spirit of St. John Paul II, the most-prominent alumnus of the Angelicum.

I often talk to my students about my studies in Rome and emphasize that there are some events in one’s human life that later emerged as crucial. In my case it was my two-year licentiate studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas. I am very grateful for this crucial opportunity in my life!

IDF is seeking Angelicum Alumni

Are you an alum of the Angelicum University or do you know someone who is? We are updating the alumni database for the university and would like to have your updated contact information.

Please contact our office at admin@intldom.org or 504.836.8180.



Msgr. Konštanc Adam, O.P., Rector Magnificus of the Angelicum, sworn in as Judge of the Roman Rota



The Angelicum University congratulates Fr. Konštanc Adam on his appointment by Pope Francis as Prelate Auditor of the Roman Rota. Fr. Adam took his oath of office on April 21st in the presence of the Dean of the Roman Rota, Msgr. Pio Vito Pinto, judges of the Rota, several Cardinals and prelates, Dominicans, professors and students of the Angelicum, friends and well-wishers. Read more about the event [here](#).



Fr. Rolando Valenzuela de la Rosa, O.P. is named new Rector of the Angelicum

The Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas announced Fr. Rolando Valenzuela de la Rosa, O.P. as its new Rector Magnificus starting in September 2016. Fr. Rolando is from the Phillipines Province and he was ordained to the priesthood in 1983. He has studied at the Aquinas University of Legazpi, Legazpi City, the Dominican House of Studies, the University of Santo Tomas (UST) and the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. He has: Bachelors in Sacred Theology and Bachelors of Arts in Philosophy, Masters of Arts in Higher Education, Licentiate in Sacred Theology and two Doctorates in Sacred Theology and Higher Education Studies. Soon after his ordination, Fr Rolando started teaching at the University of Santo Tomas and became a Full Professor in the Faculty of Sacred Theology in 1985. You can read Fr. Rolando's full biography [here](#).

Seminar at the IDEO

In their April newsletter, the IDEO reports that on April 26th, Ms. Gyöngyi Oroszi, PhD student at the Catholic University of Budapest, presented her research on the concept of "genre" in medieval Arabic literature. Rather than starting from existing categories, her thesis tries to explore the understanding the ancient authors had for their own literary work, particularly when they compile collections of histories and modify them so they could become integrated in a new collection. <http://www.ideo-cairo.org/spip.php?article624&lang=en>

