



## President's Message:

### ∞ Our Lady of the Rosary ∞



Dear Friends,

October is the month of the Rosary, and it is through the title Our Lady of the Rosary that the Blessed Virgin Mary is most venerated in the Order of Preachers. The beautiful prayer of the rosary is an on-going school of meditation rooted in the mysteries of salvation beginning with the Incarnation at the Archangel Gabriel's Annunciation to Mary to the final glorification of the blessed captured in the mystery of the Coronation of Mary Queen of Heaven and Earth. In meditating upon these mysteries with our Lady's help, we grow to know her son, Jesus, more and more. The more we know something good, the more we love it, and it is in this manner that the Rosary is a beautiful prayer of on-going spiritual growth for all who seek to grow in knowledge and love of Our Lord.

October also marks the start of the academic year at the Angelicum and L'Ecole Biblique de Jerusalem. We pray that through our Lady's intercession and your on-going support students will also receive the academic training that is so vital in passing on the saving knowledge of the Christian Faith. We are also pleased to announce the dates for a pilgrimage for permanent deacons and their wives to the Holy Land—the geographic setting for all of the mysteries of salvation associated with Jesus' time on earth—in conjunction with L'Ecole Biblique de Jerusalem.

In Christ,

Very Rev. Allen Moran, OP



## We are 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](mailto:admin@intldom.org) or 504.836.8180.**



# The Angelicum: A Doctoral Program Postponed Over the Years

I'm celebrating almost a year of being a student, after a hiatus of more than a decade! When I finished my Bachelors and Licentiate in the Faculty of Social Sciences at the Jesuit-run Gregorian University in the early 2000s, I was appointed to several departments of the Zambia Episcopal Conference's social communication offices. I started off working in the Episcopal Conference's television production studios and eventually became the spokesperson for the Zambian Bishops. In the latter role, I worked closely with the Zambian secular media in disseminating the messages of the Church through press statements, interviews, conferences, and other work relating to my role as spokespersons for the local churches.



I always wanted to do a doctorate but after many years away from academic studies I practically gave up on the idea. In truth, I did not feel I still had the confidence I needed to do a doctoral programme. It took much nudging from my Bishop, family and friends to finally bring myself to register.

I finally registered this year in the Faculty of Social Sciences at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas and I am now finishing my first year in the doctoral program. My choice of studying at the Angelicum was influenced by two former students who spoke very highly about the university – a Rwandese and a British student. I can never thank them enough for leading me this way!

As you would guess, my doctoral research interest is on the Zambian Catholic Church and how it communicates its Christian message. I hope, in some small way, to highlight in my dissertation the Church's contribution to Zambia's political development and perhaps suggest ways to improve how the local Church communicates its messages to the Zambian public.

I keep being asked by friends why I am in doctoral studies at my age and after such a long time away from studies! Some ask how things are going. Well, the honest truth is that it has been a hard process, a very hard process indeed! I am still trying to get into the rhythm of study and attempting to fit my studies around the other things I am doing in my life. However, in the process I am realising with a sense of great humility and wonderment that there is still so much that I do not know and still for me to discover.

The Angelicum and, in particular, the Faculty of Social Sciences, have been key and of great support in my new academic journey. Moreover, my confidence has been boosted to find out that there are colleagues my age and even older still studying! The Angelicum is a friendly and welcoming place, and the staff and professors are approachable and knowledgeable. It is also very inclusive of the students in all aspects of the University's life. It's the first university I have ever been to where students take part in electing the Faculty Dean!

A big part of me is very glad that I am finally in doctoral studies. But I still have a long and arduous road to travel. Now that I am finally inserted into the programme, it seems my life is coming full circle. I feel motivated to make the sacrifices and to do all that it takes to get this doctorate done, insha'Allah!

*Fr. Paul Samasumo*  
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## 2017 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land for Permanent Deacons and Their Wives



The IDF is planning and promoting another pilgrimage to the Holy Land for Permanent Deacons and their wives from

**April 30 - May 10, 2017.** In partnership with The École Biblique and 206 Tours, this unique pilgrimage provides a one-of-a-kind opportunity for Deacons to walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. The École Biblique is also known as St. Stephen's Priory on account of the church connected with the sight. The current St. Stephen's Basilica was built on the ruins of fifth century Byzantine basilica originally built to house the relics of St. Stephen, the first martyr and one of the first deacons (cf. Acts 6-8). Please share this opportunity with any deacons you know who may be interested.

For more information please visit [www.pilgrimages.com/deacons](http://www.pilgrimages.com/deacons).

## Update from IDEO



In August 2016, Fr. Rene Vincent attended the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) in Columbus, Ohio. For several years, Fr. Vincent and the IDEO library team have been working to catalogue books and scientific articles, but also to bring to light the concept and development of the application of the catalogue itself, AlKindi. This software application is allowing the IDEO to put forth the best possible resources of the Arab-Muslim culture within the framework of the latest standards. To read more about how the system works, please visit the IDEO's website [here](#).



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