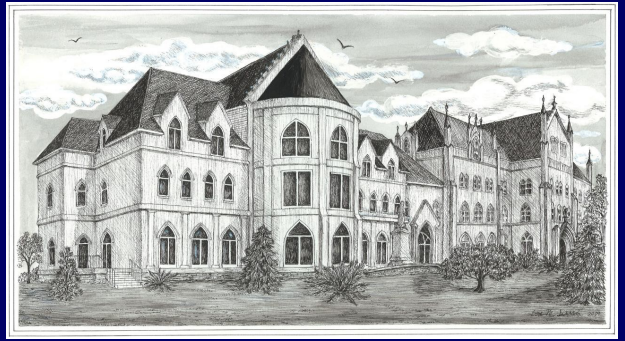


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The Pontifical Faculty of Theology of the Immaculate Conception

Fall 2009



Fr. Steven (second from left) with William Cardinal Keeler, Fr. Carlos Azpiroz Costa, O.P., the Master of the Order of Preachers, and Fr. Dominic Izzo, O.P., the Eastern Prior Provincial, at the Academic Center Dedication, April 19, 2009

Dear Friends, Alumni and Supporters:

Welcome to the first edition of the news bulletin of the Pontifical Faculty of Theology of the Immaculate Conception! This has been a momentous year for the PFIC and we would like to share it with you, our friends and supporters, through this publication.

Of exceptional note, the dedication and blessing of our new academic center in April marked a bold new phase in our Dominican legacy. This project serves to benefit not only the Province of St. Joseph and the Order of Preachers, but also the universal Church to whom Dominican preachers are sent after their formation here at the PFIC. We witnessed this universality when our own Rev. J. Augustine DiNoia, O.P. was ordained an archbishop and appointed to the Vatican in July.

Besides these events, the details of which are in the current bulletin, featured theologians and academic conferences have drawn many new people to the PFIC this semester. We look forward to reporting these events in our next issue in January 2010—a new year with more initiatives planned!

We Dominicans would be remiss if we did not gratefully acknowledge those benefactors and friends who support the mission of the PFIC and those they have chosen to honor and memorialize through their gifts. Know that we appreciate such constancy in assisting us to do what the Lord asks from us; know too, that our supporters are remembered in the daily prayers of the Dominican community with gratitude to God. “See you” in the New Year of grace, 2010.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Very Rev. Steven C. Boguslawski, O.P.
President, PFIC

PFIC Dedicated New Academic Center in April

On April 19, 2009 the Pontifical Faculty of Theology of the Immaculate Conception celebrated the dedication of its new Academic Center. Archbishop Pietro Sambi, the apostolic nuncio to the USA, presided at the dedication, following a solemn Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Donald Wuerl, the archbishop of Washington, D.C. Over 200 friars, faculty, alumni, and friends of the PFIC gathered in the courtyard on Divine Mercy Sunday to celebrate the successful completion of the new facility and dedicate it to God.

Archbishop Sambi read a letter of congratulations from our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI: “[May the PFIC] continue to send forth preachers, scholars, and teachers imbued with the deep knowledge and love of the intellectual and spiritual treasures of the Catholic tradition.” The archbishop then bestowed the Pope’s apostolic blessing and blessed the new academic center.

The mass and dedication were the culmination of several days of events celebrating the expansion of the PFIC and honoring those who made it possible. On Friday evening Archbishop Sambi welcomed board members and special guests of the PFIC and Dominican Foundation to a reception at the Vatican Embassy. The Master of the Order of Preachers, Very Rev. Carlos Azpiroz Costa, O.P., was the guest of honor as he made his fraternal visit to the Province.

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Archbishop Pietro Sambi blesses the new library



From left, Adam Cardinal Maida, William Cardinal Keeler, and Archbishop Donald Wuerl, during the dedication.

Academic Center Dedication

(Continued from page 1) On Saturday an academic convocation took place in the new center. It featured lectures by Fr. J. Augustine DiNoia, O.P., (now an archbishop, see page 4) and Fr. Wojciech Giertych, O.P., the theologian of the Papal Household.

Fr. DiNoia discussed the history of the DHS. He said that the dedication of this academic center was a fulfillment of the dreams of the Dominican friars who founded a *studium* in Washington, D.C. in 1905, “this magnificent new academic center and theological library wing is a testimony to our confidence [in the] flowering of the study of Thomism.”

**“Only those who have the humility and courage to build it will have a place in the future.”
—Archbishop Sambi**

Fr. Wojciech Giertych, O.P., examined the intellectual heritage of the Dominican Order. He said he was delighted that the Province of St. Joseph is working to “maintain and develop” the profound intuitions of St. Thomas Aquinas, for the benefit of the Order, the Church, and the academy as a whole.

Read about more events on the page 4.

January’s Newsletter will include:

- Coverage of the activities of the Thomistic Circles, including, Alasdair MacIntyre’s recent lecture, and the Thomism conference
- Faculty and Alumni News
- Summer on Mt. Sinai, by Br. Augustine Reisenauer, O.P.

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St. Thomas' Prayer Before Study:

Grant me, O merciful God,
that what is pleasing to Thee,
I may ardently desire,
prudently examine,
truthfully acknowledge,
and perfectly accomplish
for the praise and
glory of Thy Name. Amen.

Summer Events at the PFIC

Graduation Ceremonies: On May 22 the PFIC held its commencement ceremonies, presided over by the Very Rev. Dominic Izzo, O.P., Prior Provincial, and the Very Rev. Steven C. Boguslawski, O.P., President. Of the twenty-five graduates, one received a M. A. in Theology; six a M. Div.; ten a S.T.B.; and eight a S.T.L. Thirteen of the graduates were Dominican Brothers. The degrees were bestowed after singing Solemn Vespers.

The four Dominican Friars who graduated with their Licentiate in Sacred Theology (Rev. James Cuddy, Rev. Michael Dosch, Rev. Pius Pietrzyk, and Rev. John Martin Ruiz-Mayorga), and have begun their pastoral work.

Priestly Ordinations: On May 29 Gregory Schnakenberg, O.P., Bruno Mary Shah, O.P., Anthony Giambrone, O.P., Thomas Petri, O.P. and Jonah Pollock, O.P., were ordained to the priesthood by His Excellency Archbishop Celestino Migliore, apostolic nuncio and permanent observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, at St. Dominic's Church in Washington, D.C. This joyful day marked the culmination of years of study, prayer and formation.

All five men have studied at the PFIC. Fr. Pollock, Fr. Shah, and Fr. Schnakenberg will continue their pursuit of an STL at the PFIC, while Fr. Giambrone will continue his studies at the *École Biblique* in Jerusalem. Fr. Petri will begin teaching theology at Providence College while completing his doctorate at CUA.

Ordination of J. Augustine DiNoia as Archbishop



Newly ordained Archbishop DiNoia blesses the congregation

The Pontifical Faculty rejoiced this summer as it celebrated the episcopal ordination of Archbishop Joseph Augustine DiNoia, O.P., a former faculty member and president of the PFIC. Pope Benedict XVI appointed him as Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on June 16, 2009. On Saturday July 11 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Fr. DiNoia was ordained the titular Archbishop of Oregon City by William Joseph Cardinal Levada, Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, as the principal consecrator, with Archbishop Donald Wuerl of Washington and Archbishop Emeritus Thomas Kelly, O.P. of Louisville as co-consecrators.

His ordination was a celebration for the entire Church as more than a thousand people gathered at the National Shrine to witness this historic event. Also present were cardinals and bishops from across the United States—including Justin Cardinal Rigali of Philadelphia, and retired Archbishop of Washington William Cardinal Baum—as well as members of the Roman Curia, other prelates, with religious and diocesan clergy concelebrating.

After Holy Communion, Archbishop DiNoia prayed, “May the Order of Preachers, under the mantle of the Mother of God, continue to flourish in fraternal love purified in obedience to the truth. To God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be glory now and forevermore.”

Archbishop DiNoia received his STL from the PFIC in 1971 and was professor of Systematic Theology for 25 years. From 1985-1986 he also served as President of the PFIC.

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