



The *Thomistic* Institute

at the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception

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A Center for Theological Studies in the Thomistic Tradition

The Thomistic Institute is a work of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans). It exists to promote formation and research in the philosophical and theological traditions of Thomistic thought. Engaging in the study of the perennial wisdom of the Catholic heritage, the Institute seeks to advance the search for truth *ad mentem sancti Thomae*, desiring by this means a more fruitful dialogue with contemporary culture.

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ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The Thomistic Institute promotes research into the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas and the subsequent Thomistic tradition. The research of the Institute is both historic and systematic, deeply rooted in the classical Catholic tradition while engaging contemporary discourse and thought. It recognizes also the importance of the philosophical heritage of the Common Doctor of the Church as a well-spring that can enrich the study of theology.

An educational project of the Order of Preachers, the Thomistic Institute is situated within the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The Faculty grants pontifical and civilly accredited degrees to clerical, religious and lay students alike. Its placement in our nation's capital ideally suits the goals of the Institute, allowing it to initiate and respond to academic, cultural and public policy developments at a central crossroads of national and international exchange. Through this work, the Institute approaches Catholic theology as an invaluable resource for the evangelization of human culture and as a perennial dimension of Christian intellectual life.

MASTERS OF ARTS IN THOMISTIC STUDIES

The Pontifical Faculty offers M.A. and S.T.L. programs in several sub-disciplines. Among these are the degree programs in Thomistic Studies that are offered specifically by the Thomistic Institute. The Master of Arts (M.A.) in Thomistic Studies is a two-year accredited degree program specialized in the study of St. Thomas and his interpreters. Students receive an intensive formation in the study of Aquinas's texts and ideas, with attention to his philosophy as well. Views of classical Thomistic thinking are presented in the domains of systematic and moral theology. Modern topics in systematic theology are also considered with a view to seeing Aquinas's relevance for theology today. The program normally requires a general philosophical background and presumes knowledge of Latin and a modern language. Students from the Pontifical Faculty who receive this degree regularly accede to doctoral programs in theology in esteemed faculties both in Europe and the U.S. Many also enter into the field of Catholic secondary education or parish adult education programs.

THE LICENSE IN SACRED THEOLOGY IN THOMISTIC STUDIES

The Thomistic Institute grants the Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) in Thomistic Studies. The S.T.L. degree includes the composition of a License thesis that prepares directly for the composition of an ecclesiastical doctorate. The program consists principally of graduate seminars. It seeks to initiate students to the study of Thomistic thought on several fronts, each of which can become the basis for thesis research:

- Major Themes in Classical Thomistic Philosophy, Dogmatic and Moral Theology
- The Modern Thomistic Tradition within the context of Post-Enlightenment Theology
- The Study of Aquinas in Historical Context
- Historical Methods for the Study of Medieval Theology

The S.T.L. is the universally required degree for advancement to doctoral studies in an ecclesiastical faculty and is a canonical degree required for professors who will teach in ecclesiastical faculties, such as any major seminary. The program requires that students have previously obtained a Bachelor of Sacred Theology (S.T.B.).

FACULTY



Fr. Thomas Joseph White, O.P.
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Fr. Bernard Mulcahy,
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LECTURES & CONFERENCES

- “What Should a Philosophical Education be Nowadays?” Honorary Lecture by Prof. Alasdair MacIntyre, University of Notre Dame. September 24, 2009.
- “Thomism and the Renewal of Contemporary Theology,” Theological Conference, October 16-17, 2009.
- “Secularism and the Natural Desire to Know God,” Theological Conference, February 19-20, 2010.
- “Aquinas on the Soul,” Philosophical Seminar, October 23, 2010.
- “Philosophical Arguments for Being Religious in the Contemporary Culture,” a lecture by Dr. Remi Brague, the Sorbonne and University of Munich, December 30, 2010.
- “Theo-Centricism and Thomistic Ecclesiology,” a Theological Conference with a Keynote Address by Most Rev. J. Augustine DiNoia, O.P., Secretary for the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, April 29-30, 2011.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS



Abp. Pietro Sambi,
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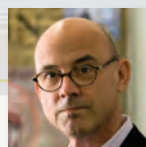
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Systematic and
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Dr. Bruce Marshall
Southern Methodist
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Medieval and Reforma-
tion Theology, Systematic
Theology

THOMISTIC CIRCLES

The Thomistic Circles lecture series is a work of the Thomistic Institute. Serving as a forum for the exchange of theological and philosophical ideas, it seeks to consider contemporary cultural and intellectual issues in relation to the philosophical and theological heritage of the Thomistic tradition. As a work of the faculty, it involves collaboration from a variety of scholars from other institutions as well, and invites the participation of students at the PFIC, as well as outside guests who wish to register.



STUDENT LIFE

Situated in northeast Washington, the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception offers its students an ideal location to benefit from the cultural richness of our nation's capital and the intellectual dynamism of the Washington Theological Consortium, a network of local graduate theological schools. The Institute is only a short walking distance from the Metro, which provides easy access to any point within the greater Washington area, and from numerous Catholic institutions in the Brookland area, including the National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception and The Catholic University of America. The Thomistic Institute is located within a Dominican priory. Consequently housing is not available on the premises for students. However, the Thomistic Institute staff is available to help with this and other practical needs.

THE DOMINICAN HOUSE OF STUDIES

The Dominican friars of the Priory of the Immaculate Conception at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. are members of the Province of St. Joseph. The community is responsible for the intellectual, pastoral, and spiritual formation of the Dominican student brothers preparing to serve the Church in Holy Orders. Consequently the formation of the brethren for the apostolic life is a primary work of the Priory. The Dominican House is a center of study, but also a place of prayer, priestly ministry and preaching. The brethren celebrate each day the sacrifice of the Mass and the Divine Office (Liturgy of the Hours). All services in the chapel are open to the public and are frequently attended by students of the Pontifical Faculty.

THE THOMIST

The Thomist is edited and published by the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph. The journal seeks to promote original and penetrating inquiry into the full range of contemporary philosophical and theological questions. It undertakes particularly to support sustained discussion of issues of philosophy and systematic theology, where such discussion can be advanced by creative use of the thought of Aquinas and significant authors in the Thomistic tradition. In this way *The Thomist* seeks to cultivate a fruitful dialogue between modern and contemporary philosophical systems and the classical tradition of philosophy and Christian theology.

THE DOMINICAN ORDER

The Order of Preachers was founded in 1216 by St. Dominic Guzman. St. Dominic founded the Order to preach the truth of the Catholic faith and to promote an evangelical way of life. In an early letter to the first Dominicans, Pope Honorius III observes that God had "inspired [them] with a holy desire to embrace poverty, profess the regular life, and commit [themselves] to the proclamation of the word of God, preaching everywhere the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Dominicans, then, profess and witness to the religious counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. Their mission consists in the promotion of the Gospel by preaching and teaching, and so it is also centered upon the study of sacred truth. The Order works in the service of the hierarchy of the Catholic Church and in collaboration with ecclesial organizations, to promote the common good of the Church and of human society at large.



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