

**THE AQUINAS CENTER &
THE THOMISTIC INSTITUTE**

***Thomas Aquinas and the Eucharist:
Pathways to Revival***

**February 1-3, 2024
(Schedule Subject to Changes)**

Thursday, February 1

12:00 – 8:00 p.m. Registration, *Prince Building (Outside of the O'Bryan Performance Hall)*

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Concurrent Session 1

O'Bryan Performance Hall: [Moderator: T. Adam Van Wart]

David Moser, *Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University*, “Why Jesus’s Flesh and Blood Give Life: A Meditation on the Eucharist with St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Thomas Aquinas”

Jeffrey Walkey, *Ave Maria University*, “TBD”

Ballroom Section 1: [Moderator: Seth Johnson]

William Horstmann, *Ave Maria University*, “He Who Opens the Door of Heaven: The Mission of the Word in Saint Thomas’ *Verbum Supernum*”

James Kelly, *Ave Maria University*, “Theology as Eucharistic: Thomas Aquinas on Sacred Doctrine”

Tyler Thompson, *Ave Maria University*, “*Corpus Christi et Ecclesia*: The Necessity of Understanding the Church to Understand the Eucharist”

Ballroom Section 2: [Moderator: Troy Bodman]

Scott Athey, *Dominican House of Studies*, “Thomas’s Path: *secundum ordinem disciplinae*”

Marie Ferman Das, *Ave Maria University*, “A Eucharistic Heart: St. Thomas on the Overflow of Grace into the Sensitive Appetite”

Brett Feger, *Ave Maria University*, “TBD”

Ballroom Section 3: [Moderator: Luca Taffaro]

Brady Beckerman, *Donahue Academy*, “‘Do This in Memory of Me’: The Eucharist as Living Memory”

Rachel Killackey, *Magdala Ministries*, “Anamnesis, Sehnsucht, and the Role of Memory in the Eucharist”

David Sherwood *Ave Maria University*, “The *esse* of the Eucharist”

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Concurrent Session 2

O'Bryan Performance Hall: [Moderator: Fr. Guy Mansini, OSB]

Michael Dauphinais, *Ave Maria University*, “How Aquinas’s Theology of Baptism and Confirmation Helps Us to Understand the Eucharist”

Thomas Harmon, *University of St. Thomas*, “Digital Thomism and the Spirits of the Air: The Need for the Eucharist in the Internet Age”

Fr. Joseph Kim, *Saint John Vianney Parish*, “The Eucharist Builds the Church: Ecclesiological Implications from the Theology of the Eucharist of Saint Thomas Aquinas”

Ballroom Section 1: [Moderator: Zachary Naccash]

Matthew McKenna, *Ave Maria University*, “The Eucharist as Fulfillment of all Idolatry”

Taylor Payne, *Ave Maria University*, “The Eucharist as a Remedy of the Idolization of Humanity’s Constructions of the Ideal Christian Community”

Ballroom Section 2: [Moderator: Aaron Weisel]

Anthony Hernandez, *Ave Maria University*, “St. Thomas Aquinas’ Treatment of Faith in the Words of Christ as the Basis for Belief in the Real Presence, in the Summa and in the Office of Corpus Christi”

Louis Knuffke, *Angelicum*, “Substance: Preamble to Faith in Transubstantiation”

John Ielmini, *Ave Maria University*, “An Exposition of St. Thomas Aquinas’ Understanding of the Steps Within the Liturgy as a Movement of Mediation That Brings Man to the Eucharist in a Fitting Way”

5:00 – 6:10 p.m. Dinner (On your own)

6:15 – 8:00 p.m. Opening Prayer by Fr. Andrew Hofer, OP
O’Bryan Performance Hall

Conference Welcome by Roger Nutt

Plenary Session 1: [Moderator: Roger Nutt]

Fr. Romanus Cessario, OP, *Ave Maria University*, “The Priest and the Eucharist”

Fr. Reginald Lynch, OP, *Dominican House of Studies*, “Sign, Sacrifice, and Moral Virtue: Aquinas and the Thomistic Tradition on Moral and Mystical Signification in the Eucharist

8:00 – 9:00 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social
O’Bryan Performance Lobby

Friday, February 2

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration, *Prince Building (Outside of the O’Bryan Performance Hall)*

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Concurrent Session 3

O’Bryan Performance Hall: [Moderator: Tyler Pellegrin]

Fr. Greg Markey, *Thomas Aquinas College*, “Thomas Aquinas on *Homo Liturgicus*”

Fr. Ignatius Schweitzer, OP, *St. Joseph’s Seminary*, “Thomistic Doctrine on the Eucharist as Expressed in the Mystical Language of John Tauler and Catherine of Siena”

Dr. Francisco Romero Carrasquillo, *St. Gregory the Great Seminary*, “The Eucharist as a Specification of the ‘Sacraments of the Natural Law’ in Aquinas”

Ballroom Section 1: [Moderator: Matthew McKenna]

Jose Belleza, *University of Cambridge*, “Priestly Renewal, Eucharistic Revival: The Place of the Corpus Christi Office in Aquinas’s Sacramental Theology”

Daniel Lendman, *Ave Maria University*, “Ratzinger, Reform, and Thomistic Sacramental Theology: A Path towards Renewed Devotion to the Eucharist”

Fr. Mike Johns, *Diocese of Little Rock*, “The Ordained Priesthood Establishes the Baptismal Priesthood: Vatican II and Hebrews 7”

Ballroom Section 2: [Moderator: Maria Schmidt]

Daniel Gordon, *University of Notre Dame*, “The Graced Assimilation of Man to God: Thomas Aquinas on Eucharistic Reception and Trinitarian Indwelling”

Sr. Hyacinth Hayward, OP, *Dominican House of Studies*, “Friends Live with Friends’: The Importance of Friendship in Eucharistic Catechesis”

Gerard McNair-Lewis, *Catholic Information Center*, “The Transformative Power of the Eucharist: Desire and Indwelling in St. Thomas Aquinas”

Ballroom Section 3: [Moderator: Fr. Leandro Fernandez]

Christopher Das, *Ave Maria University*, “Aquinas and Spinoza on Miracles”

Christopher Rziha, *University of Notre Dame*, “Y aquí se deifica el alma y la carne:’ Fray Luis de León’s ‘Thomistical’ understanding of grace, nature, and the Eucharist”

Mo Woltering, *Holy Family Academy*, “Daily Mass in Catholic Education: Pedagogy not just Piety”

10:30 – 11:45 a.m. Plenary Session 2: [Moderator: Steven Long]
O’ Bryan Performance Hall

Fr. Dominic Legge, OP, *Dominican House of Studies*, “Is the Last Supper a Trinitarian Event?”

Franklin T. Harkins, *Boston College*, “Addressing “Substantial Confusion” among U.S. Catholics: Thomistic Insights on Transubstantiation”

12:00 p.m. Conference Mass Celebrated by Bishop Frank Dewane (Diocese of Venice)
Ave Maria Parish

12:45 -1:30 p.m. Lunch (On your own)

1:30 – 2:45 p.m. Plenary Session 3: [Moderator: Fr. Dominic Legge, OP]
O’ Bryan Performance Hall

Matthew Levering, *University of St. Mary of the Lake*, “Aquinas and Old Testament Types of the Eucharist”

Michael Barber, *Augustine Institute*, “*Panis Angelicus* and the Eucharistic Revival: Recovering Aquinas’s Theology of the Eucharist as the New Manna”

3:15 – 4:45 p.m. Concurrent Session 4

O’ Bryan Performance Hall: [Moderator: Daniel Lendman]

Fr. Gregory Pine, OP, *University of Fribourg*, “Mysteries *in fieri* and Eucharistic Signification”

John Rziha, *Benedictine College*, “Participation in the Sacrifice of Christ at Mass”

Daria Spezzano, *Providence College*, “Truth or Consequences: St. Thomas Aquinas on Worthy Reception of the Eucharist”

Ballroom Section 1: [Moderator: William Horstmann]

Fr. Ivan Bodrozc, *Catholic Faculty of Theology of the University of Split*, “The Eucharist as the sacrament of charity according to St. Thomas Aquinas”
Troy Bodman, *Ave Maria University*, “Freely You Have Received, Freely Give: The Eucharist and Simony as Principles of a Virtuous Economy”
Urban Hannon, *The Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter*, “St. Thomas the Mystagogue: The Rites of the Mass in the Sentences Commentary and *Summa Theologiae*”

Ballroom Section 2: [Moderator: Anthony Hernandez]

Fr. Maximilian Jaskowak, OP, *St. Mary’s Seminary and University*, “St. Thomas and the Art of Celebrating the Roman Liturgy”
Mauro Meruzzi, *Pontifical College Josephinum*, “Thomas Aquinas and the Eucharistic Theology of Pange Lingua: A Biblical, Literary and Historical Exegesis of Pange Lingua; a Hymn that Descants the Beauty and Mystery of the Eucharist”
Fr. Philip Nolan, OP, *Holy Innocents Parish*, “The Battle of Prayer: Thomas Aquinas’s Eucharistic Hymns and the Parish Devotion”

Ballroom Section 3: [Moderator: Peyton Hancock]

Jack Boczar, *Dominican House of Studies*, “The Living Bread: Gregory of Nyssa’s ‘Pharmacological’ View of the Eucharist”
Lauren Dionne, *Florence Classical Academy of Art*, “‘This Flesh, These Bones’: A Thread of Contemplation Throughout the *Summa Theologica*”
Alexander Erickson, *Ave Maria University*, “Wisdom Has Set Her Table: The Eucharist as the Food of Wisdom”

5:00 – 6:00pm Dinner (Ticket Only)
Student Union Honors Lounge

6:00 – 7:00pm Holy Hour and Eucharistic Blessing
Ave Maria Parish

7:00 – 8:30pm Keynote Address: [Moderator: Mark Middendorf]
Ave Maria Parish

Archbishop Allen Vigneron, *Archdiocese of Detroit*, “‘Pledge of Future Glory’: The Eucharistic Presence of the Eschaton”

Saturday, February 3

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration
O’ Bryan Performance Lobby

7:00 a.m. Mass, *Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel (located in Xavier Hall)*

7:45 a.m. Breakfast (On your own), Light snacks and coffee provided in the *Thomas and Selby Prince Building*

Note- The Cafeteria will open for brunch at 9:00 a.m.

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Concurrent Session 5
O’ Bryan Performance Hall: [Moderator: Roger Nutt]

Michael Hahn, *Mount St. Mary's Seminary*, "Species of Wisdom: Thomas Aquinas on the Eucharistic *Sacramentum Tantum*"

Fr. Andrew Hofer, OP, *Dominican House of Studies*, "Thomas Aquinas on the Eucharist and the Articles of Faith: Pathways to Revival"

Fr. Dominic Langevin, OP, *Dominican House of Studies*, "The Eucharist as a Sacrament of Peace, and Its Limits"

Prince Building Room 115: [Moderator: Fr. Joseph Lugalambi]

Daniel Paul Dal Monte, *Rowan University*, "Cognition Under the Divine Light Versus Humean Empiricism"

Kyle Faircloth, *Palm Beach Atlantic University*, "The Eucharist and the Confucian Virtue of Filial Piety"

Brandon Wanless, *The Saint Paul Seminary, University of St. Thomas*, "*Mysterium Fidei*: Aquinas on the Eucharist as a Cause of Faith"

Prince Building Room 116: [Moderator: Kara Logan Johnson]

Thomas Humphries, *Saint Leo University*, "Christ is Really Present; Are You? An inversion of *Summa Contra Gentiles* 4.62"

John O'Neill, *Archbishop McCarthy High School*, "The Presences of Christ: Incarnation, Eucharist, and Church"

Daniel Waldow, *Saint Francis University*, "Aquinas and the Renewal of Eucharistic Liturgy"

Ballroom Section 1: [Moderator: Lucas Doyle]

Patrick Craine, *Dominican University College*, "Recovering Aquinas' typological theology of history: A necessary pathway to Eucharistic revival"

Tyler Pellegrin, *Ave Maria University*, "The Communication of Idioms and the Eucharist"

Seth Johnson, *Ave Maria University*, "St. Thomas Aquinas and the Unity of Faith and Eucharist in John 6"

Ballroom Section 3: [Moderator: Philip Johnson]

Dominic Cassella, *The Catholic University of America*, "Holy Unction, East and West: What the Byzantine Rite Can Teach Us About the Anointing of the Sick"

Ruvianne Mercado, *Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology*, "Aquinas's Theology of the Eucharist Within 'O Sacrum Convivium'"

Sr. Marie Bernadette Thompson, OP, *Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia*, "Deification Through the Eucharist in Thomas Aquinas"

10:30 – 11:45 a.m. Plenary Session 4: [Moderator: Gerald Boersma]
O'Bryan Performance Hall

Fr. Guy Mansini, OSB, *Ave Maria University*, "Sacrifice, History, and the Consummation of World Order"

Roger Nutt, *Ave Maria University*, "Really, Truly, and Substantially Present, but 'Not in the Manner in which Bodies are in a Place': Thomas Aquinas on The Dimensions of the Host and the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist"

12:00 – 12:45 p.m. Lunch (Boxed lunches provided, Cafeteria)

12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Plenary Session 5: [Moderator: Joseph Trabbic]
O'Bryan Performance Hall

Fr. Innocent Smith, OP, *Dominican House of Studies*, “Eucharistic Hermeneutics of Sacred Scripture in Thomas Aquinas”

Sr. Albert Marie Surmanski, OP, *University of St. Thomas*, “Looking through the Lattices: Albert and Aquinas on the Sacramental Signification of the Eucharist”

2:15 – 3:45 p.m.

Concurrent Session 6

O’ Bryan Performance Hall: [Moderator: Jeffrey Walkey]

Paul Gondreau, *Providence College*, “Acting *In Persona Christi* During the Eucharistic Consecration: Implications for the All-Male Priesthood”

Fr. Michael O’Connor, OP, *Dominican House of Studies*, “Ministering to the Father’: The Primacy of Divine Worship in the Eucharistic Revival”

Gerald Boersma, *Ave Maria University*, “Aquinas’s Doctrine of the Divine *Instinctus* and Eucharistic Piety”

Prince Building 115: [Moderator: Taylor Payne]

Daniel Garland, *Ohio Dominican University*, “Behold the Lamb of God’: Johannine Eucharistic Reception as Keeping the Passover in ‘Spirit and Truth”

Fr. Joseph Lugalambi, *Ave Maria University*, “Towards Eucharistic Renewal: Aquinas’ Eucharistic theology and the *Ars celebrandi* of the Roman Liturgy”

Aharon Zorea, *University of Wisconsin Platteville*, “The Internet and Social Media, Aquinas, the Eucharist and the Real Presence”

Prince Building 116: [Moderator: Alexander Erickson]

Arielle Harms, *Augustine Institute*, “The Eucharist as the Source and Summit of the Christian Life: Aquinas, the Eucharist, and *Lumen Gentium*”

Aaron Henderson, *St. Thomas Aquinas High School*, “The Meaning of Spiritual Communion and the Unity of the Ecclesial Sacrament”

John Monaco, *Duquesne University*, “*Non Mittendus Canibus*: Aquinas on the Worthy Reception of Holy Communion”

Ballroom Section 1: [Moderator: Benoit Duhamel]

Joshua Burks, *The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies*, “Present Your Bodies: Paul and Aquinas on Sacrifice and the Common Priesthood”

E. Tyler Graham, *Pontifex University*, “Toward a Girardian Thomist Theory of Sacrifice”

Joseph Muti, *The Catholic University of America*, “Abiding Together: Analyzing the Application of Salvation”

4:00 – 4:45pm

Vigil Mass (for travelers) *Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel (located in Xavier Hall)*

5:15 – 6:30pm

Closing Keynote: [Moderator: Michael Dauphinais]
O’ Bryan Performance Hall

Fr. Bernhard Blankenhorn, OP, *University of Fribourg*, “Thomas Aquinas and John Scotus on the Celebrant of the Eucharistic Sacrifice”

6:30 p.m.

Closing of the Conference
O’ Bryan Performance Hall

6:30 p.m.

Dinner (On your own)

Sunday, February 4

Mass Schedule

Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel

- 7:30am
- 9:30am
- 11:30am
- 5:00pm

Ave Maria Catholic Church

- 8:00am
- 10:00am
- 12:30pm (Extraordinary Form)
- 7:30pm