

**THE AQUINAS CENTER &  
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**Thomas Aquinas and the Greek Fathers**

**January 26-27, 2018**

**Friday, January 26**

*Mass is offered at 7:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. at Ave Maria Catholic Church.*

8:00 a.m. – Registration  
12:00 p.m. *Bob Thomas Student Union Ballroom*

*Each concurrent session will have three speakers in 90 minutes, following the model of the medieval studies conference at Kalamazoo.*

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Concurrent Session 1: [Moderator: Gideon Barr]  
*Bob Thomas Student Union Ballroom*  
**Mr. Jonathan Bieler**, *University of Zurich*, “Maximus the Confessor and Thomas Aquinas: Apophatic vs. Kataphatic Theology?”  
**Dr. Thomas Cattoi**, *Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University*, “The Human and the Cosmic: Christological Interpretations of the Liturgy in Thomas Aquinas and Maximus the Confessor”  
**Mr. Kevin Clarke**, *Ave Maria University*, “Maximus and Thomas on the Infusion of the Rational Soul”

Concurrent Session 2: [Moderator: Michelle Bridge]  
*Paul M. Henkels Academic Building Room 1017*

**Mr. Corin Friesen**, *Northeast Catholic College*, “Aquinas, the *Philokalia*, and the Primacy of the Heart”  
**Mr. Daniel Lendman**, *Ave Maria University*, “Reconciling the Teachings of Cyril of Alexandria and Thomas Aquinas on the Universal Headship of Christ”  
**Dr. Jörgen Vijgen**, *Thomas Institute (Tilburg University)*, “Aquinas’ Reception of Origen”

Concurrent Session 3: [Moderator: Kara Logan]  
*Paul M. Henkels Academic Building Room 1026*

**Fr. Andrew Hofer, OP**, *Dominican House of Studies*, “Aquinas and the Greek Fathers for Renewing Theology Today”  
**Dr. Matthew McWhorter**, *Divine Mercy University*, “Thomas Aquinas, the Greek Fathers, and Epinoia: A Resource for Contemporary Cognitive Psychotherapy”  
**Dr. Susan Waldstein**, *St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology*, “Man as Microcosm in John Damascene and Aquinas”

10:45 a.m. – Plenary Session 1: [Moderator: Dr. T. Adam Van Wart]  
12:00 p.m. *Bob Thomas Student Union Ballroom*

**Dr. Gerald Boersma**, *Ave Maria University*, “Chrysostom and Aquinas on Seeing the Divine Essence”

**Fr. John Baptist Ku, OP**, *Dominican House of Studies*, “St. Gregory of Nazianzus and St. Thomas Aquinas on God the Father”

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

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1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Plenary Session 2: [Moderator: Prof. Jeffrey Walkey]  
*Bob Thomas Student Union Ballroom*

**Dr. Michael Waldstein**, *St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology*, “Gift of the Divine Persons Themselves (Summa I, 43, 3); Scheeben as a Guide to Understanding the Greek Fathers in St. Thomas Aquinas”

**Dr. Matthew Levering**, *Mundelein Seminary*, “The Strangeness of Christ's Resurrection”

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Concurrent Session 4: [Moderator: Sean Robertson]  
*Bob Thomas Student Union Ballroom*

**Fr. Peter Totleben, OP**, *St. Dominic Priory*, “Maximus the Confessor and Thomas Aquinas on Free Choice in Christ”

**Dr. T. Adam Van Wart**, *Ave Maria University*, “Staying Within the Cloud: Maximus and Thomas on the Grammar of ‘Being’”

**Mr. Kyle Washut**, *Wyoming Catholic College*, “Latin Logic and Eastern Enigmas: Thomas Aquinas and Maximus the Confessor on the Role of Reason in Theology”

Concurrent Session 5: [Moderator: John O’Neill]

*Demetree Lecture Hall located in the Paul M. Henkels Academic Building*

**Dr. Ivan Bodrožić**, *University of Zagreb*, “Influence of St. Johan Damascene's *De Fide Orthodoxa* on St. Thomas Aquinas' concept of God”

**Mr. Chase Cloutier**, *Boston College*, “Participated Intelligibility: Athanasius & Aquinas on the Metaphysics of Epistemology”

**Ms. Karina Robson**, *Duke University*, “Aquinas and John Damascene on God’s Eternal Knowledge and Human Free Will”

Concurrent Session 6: [Moderator: Sarah Kaiser]

*Paul M. Henkels Academic Building Room 1011*

**Mr. John Monaco**, *Boston College*, “Grace and Glory: Theosis and the Eucharist in Aquinas”

**Ms. Sarah Moravsik**, *The Catholic University of America*, “Gregory of Nyssa and the Summa on the Circular Movement of Contemplation”

**Ms. Jane Peters**, *Marquette University*, “*Quidam Graecus*: Theophylact of Ochrid in the *Catena Aurea* and *Lectura Super Ioannem*”

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: [Introduction: Dr. Michael Dauphinais]  
*Bob Thomas Student Union Ballroom*

**Dr. Joseph P. Wawrykow**, *University of Notre Dame*, “Aquinas on Christ and Eucharistic Participation--and the Engagement with the Greek Fathers”

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Cocktails

*Bob Thomas Student Union Private Dining Room Patio*

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Dinner

*Bob Thomas Student Union Private Dining Room*

# Saturday, January 27

- 8:00 a.m.                      Mass  
*Ave Maria Parish Church*
- 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.          Concurrent Session 7: [Moderator: Jeremy Johnston]  
*Bob Thomas Student Union Ballroom*
- Mr. Aaron Henderson**, *Ave Maria University*, “St. Thomas on the Judiciary Power of Christ: A Dispute with St. John Chrysostom”  
**Fr. Austin Dominic Litke, OP**, *Collegio San Clemente*, “Thomas Aquinas on Nestorianism”  
**Mr. Brandon Wanless**, *Saint Agnes School and Ave Maria University*, “Aquinas and Damascene on the Common Nature of the Triune God”
- Concurrent Session 8: [Moderator: Daniel Lendman]  
*Demetree Lecture Hall located in the Paul M. Henkels Academic Building*
- Dr. Francisco J. Romero Carrasquillo**, *Universidad Panamericana and St. Gregory the Great Seminary*, “Damascene and Aquinas on the Offering of Latria to Icons of Christ”  
**Dr. John Sehorn**, *Augustine Institute*, “Worshiping the Incarnate God: Thomas Aquinas on Latria and the Icon of Christ”  
**Mr. Corey Stephan**, *Marquette University*, “St. John Damascene’s *De Fide Orthodoxa* in St. Thomas Aquinas’s *De Unione Verbi Incarnati*”
- Concurrent Session 9: [Moderator: Kevin Clarke]  
*Paul M. Henkels Academic Building Room 1012*
- Fr. Stephen Fields, SJ**, *Georgetown University*, “Analogy in Thomas and Denys the Pseudo-Areopagite”  
**Fr. Raymund Snyder, OP**, *Thomistic Institute*, “Aquinas’s Adaptation of the Neoplatonic Triad of Being, Life, and Intellect: Proclus, Pseudo-Dionysius, and the Essential Perfections”  
**Mr. Jeffrey Walkey**, *Ave Maria University*, “Silence before the Un(der)known God: Reflections on the Character of Divine Naming in St. Thomas and the Plotinian reading of the Pseudo-Areopagite”
- Concurrent Session 10: [Moderator: Gideon Barr]  
*Paul M. Henkels Academic Building Room 1014*
- Fr. Sylvain Detoc, OP**, *The Catholic University of Lyon, France*, “The *theologia philosophorum* of Irenaeus compared with that of Thomas Aquinas” (written in collaboration with **Dr Agnès Bastit**, *French University Institute*)  
**Dr. Jeffrey Froula**, *St. Patrick’s Seminary and University*, “Christological Continuity in Ignatius of Antioch and Thomas Aquinas”  
**Fr. Dominic Langevin, OP**, *Dominican House of Studies*, “The Eucharist as Medicine in the Greek Fathers and St. Thomas Aquinas”
- 10:45 a.m. –  
12:00 p.m.                      Plenary Session 3: [Moderator: Dr. Gerald Boersma]  
*Bob Thomas Student Union Ballroom*
- Fr. Dominic Legge, OP**, *Dominican House of Studies*, “Trinity and Christology in the Transfiguration: Aquinas and the Greek Fathers”  
**Fr. Thomas Joseph White**, *Dominican House of Studies*, “Beauty as a divine attribute: from Dionysius to Aquinas”
- 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.          Lunch, *Guests are welcome to enjoy lunch in the Ave Maria University Cafeteria or in the restaurants in the town Piazza, on their own*

- 1:30 – 2:45 p.m. Plenary Session 4: [Moderator: Fr. Guy Mansini]  
*Bob Thomas Student Union Ballroom*  
**Fr. Bernhard Blankenhorn, OP**, *Angelicum*, “The Christo-centric Mystical Theologies of Maximus the Confessor and Thomas Aquinas”  
**Dr. Marcus Plested**, *Marquette University*, “Aquinas and John of Damascus on Light and Transfiguration. Can we speak of a Greek patristic turn in Thomas?”
- 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Concurrent Session 11: [Moderator: Aaron Henderson]  
*Bob Thomas Student Union Ballroom*  
**Dr. Dawn Goldstein**, *Holy Apostles College and Seminary*, “St. Thomas Aquinas, Pseudo-Dionysius, and St. John Chrysostom on Galatians 2:20 and the Purification of Love”  
**Br. Gregory Augustine Liu, OP**, *Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology*, “The Greek Patristic Heritage in the Trinitarian Theologies of Thomas Aquinas and Gregory Palamas”  
**Dr. Randall Smith**, *University of St. Thomas*, “Thomas Aquinas, Natural Law, and the Greek Fathers”
- Concurrent Session 12: [Moderator: Brandon Wanless]  
*Demetree Lecture Hall located in the Paul M. Henkels Academic Building*  
**Ms. Melissa Eitenmiller**, *Dominican House of Studies*, “Aquinas and the Damascene on Eucharistic Conversion and Its Role in the Process of Deification”  
**Dr. Paul Gondreau**, *Providence College*, “The Role of John Damascene in Aquinas’s Treatment of Christ’s Human Psychology”  
**Dr. Mark Johnson**, *Marquette University*, “Thomas Aquinas’s Use of Damascene: The Expected and the Unexpected”
- Concurrent Session 13: [Moderator: Daniel Lendman]  
*Paul M. Henkels Academic Building Room 1012*  
**Mr. Jacob Gruber**, *The Catholic University of America*, “Movement as a Model for Contemplation: The Influence of Dionysius the Areopagite on Aquinas’ Conception of Spiritual Motion”  
**Fr. Jason Mitchell**, *Gannon University*, “Aquinas on Dionysius’ *triplex via* and the Divine Attributes”  
**Fr. Innocent Smith, OP**, *Priory of St. Vincent Ferrer*, “Pseudo-Dionysius and the Liturgical Theology of Thomas Aquinas”
- Concurrent Session 14: [Moderator: Fr. Joseph Lugalambi]  
*Paul M. Henkels Academic Building Room 1014*  
**Dr. David Bradshaw**, *University of Kentucky*, “Aquinas and the Essence/Energies Distinction”  
**Rev. Dr. Christiaan Kappes**, *Ss. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary*, “Greek Thomism at the Council of Florence (1439): Thomistically Informed Objections to the Holy Spirit *“habens esse”* from the Father and the Son”  
**Fr. Reginald Lynch, OP**, *University of Notre Dame*, “Trinitarian Procession in Thomas Aquinas and Manuel Calecas”
- 5:00 p.m. Optional Vigil Mass (due to limited space, please attend a Sunday Mass if possible)  
*Goretti Chapel*
- 6:00-7:15 p.m. Keynote Speaker: [Introduction: Fr. Andrew Hofer, OP]  
*Bob Thomas Student Union Ballroom*  
**Fr. Khaled Anatolios**, *University of Notre Dame*, “The Ontological Grammar of Salvation and the Salvific Work of Christ in Athanasius and Aquinas”
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner: *Guests are welcome to enjoy dinner at their leisure, on their own*