

**THE AQUINAS CENTER &
THE THOMISTIC INSTITUTE**

***St. Thomas Aquinas as Spiritual Teacher:
Theology in a Culture of Grace***

***February 10-12, 2022
(Schedule Subject to Changes)***

Thursday, February 10

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

12:00 p.m. Mass (optional), *Ave Maria Parish Church*

2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Concurrent Session 1: [Moderator: Stephen Hill]
Ballroom Section 1

Ivan Bodrožić, *SPLIT*, “Saint Thomas Aquinas as a Teacher of Priest Spirituality”
Paul Gondreau, *Providence College*, “Nothing more wondrous could be accomplished’: The Conveniens (Fittingness) of the Incarnation and Aquinas’s Christ-centered Spiritual Teacher”

Daniel Lendman, *Ave Maria University*, “The Universal Call to Holiness and the Religious Life According to Thomas Aquinas”

Concurrent Session 2: [Moderator: Marie Ferman]
Ballroom Section 2

Chase Cloutier, *The Catholic University of America*, “The Trinitarian Pedagogy of Revelation: Yves Congar’s Vision of the Doctrinal Economy”

Michael De Salvo, *Ave Maria University*, “As the Beloved in the Lover’: Plumbing St. Thomas on the Procession of the Holy Spirit as Love”

Tyler Pellegrin, *Ave Maria University*, “God Himself our Spiritual Teacher in Aquinas’ Account of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit”

Concurrent Session 3: [Moderator: Matthew Harte]
Ballroom Section 3

James Kelly, *Ave Maria University*, “Exitus-Reditus Revisited: Reconsidering the Structure of the *Summa Theologiae*”

Andrew Kuenstle, *Ave Maria University*, “Religio in a Culture of Grace”

Theresa Ryland, *Dominican House of Studies*, “Fixity in the Trinity”

Concurrent Session 4: [Moderator: Taylor Payne]
Henkels Academic Building #1027

Arielle Harms, *Pontifex University*, “Aquinas and Accompaniment: Growth in Discipleship and the Need for a Guide”

Aaron Henderson, *Alcuin Institute for Catholic Culture*, “Teaching as Gift: St. Thomas on the Intellectual Creature’s Reception of Divine Truth”

Joshua Revelle (2020 Dissertation Prize Winner), *Mount Saint Mary College*, “St. Thomas Aquinas as Spiritual Master for Theologians: Prayer and the Conformity of the Theologian to Incarnate Wisdom”

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Concurrent Session 5: [Moderator: Michael De Salvo]

Ballroom Section 1

Shane Owens, *Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University*, “St. Augustine and his ‘Seminary’ for Bishops”

Sr. Albert Marie Surmanski, OP, *University of St. Thomas*, “Humility, Instruction, and Exercise, from Hugh to Aquinas”

Jeffrey Walkey, *Ave Maria University*, “Kenotic Conformity to Christ: Thomistic Reflections on the Christ Hymn and the Rose of the Teacher”

Concurrent Session 6: [Moderator: Andrew Kuenstle]

Ballroom Section 2

Bradley Cypher, *Ave Maria University*, “Thomas Aquinas on the Distinction Between Prayer and Contemplation”

Fr. Robert Garrity, *Ave Maria University*, “St. Thomas’ Daily Prayer-Routine as a Source for His Method in Spiritual Theology”

Rachael Killackey, *Independent Scholar*, “Aquinas and the Spirituality of the Student”

Concurrent Session 7: [Moderator: Brady Beckerman]

Ballroom Section 3

Kara Logan, *Ave Maria University*, “St. Thomas Aquinas and His Teaching on the Marriage Debt”

Fr. Joseph Lugalambi, *Ave Maria University*, “The Mysticism of John Paul II’s *Theology of the Body*”

Lauren Simms, *Southern Methodist University*, “*Rationabile obsequium nostrum*: The Rational Worship of the Baptismal Priesthood in Thomas Aquinas”

Concurrent Session 8: [Moderator: Jose Silva]

Henkels Academic Building #1027 (All presenters will be presenting virtually)

Fr. John Emery, OP, *UNSTA*, “Prayer of Petition as Gift according to St. Thomas Aquinas”

Fr. Matthew-Anthony Hysell, OP, *Newman Theological College*, “*Sacra doctrina* as ‘Mystical Theology of the Western Church’: Congenial Reply to Vladimir Lossky, *et al.*”

Corey Stephan, *Marquette University*, “Thomistic Maximianism: A Theology for Catholic and Orthodox Re-communion”

7:15 p.m.

Opening Conference Welcome

O’Bryan Performance Hall

7:30 – 8:45 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: [Moderator: Fr. Romanus Cessario, OP]

O’Bryan Performance Hall

Fr. Serge-Thomas Bonino, OP, *The Angelicum*, “‘Ipse prior dilexit nos’ (1 John 4, 10) in Aquinas”

Friday, February 11

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

7:30 a.m. Mass (optional), *Ave Maria Parish Church*

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Concurrent Session 9: [Moderator: Aaron Henderson]
Ballroom Section 1

Fr. Francis Caponi, OSA, *Villanova University*, “If there were but one soul enjoying God’: The Question of Heavenly Friendship in Thomas Aquinas”

Michael Dauphinais, *Ave Maria University*, “Communicatio as the Center of the Summa Theologiae”

Daria Spezzano, *Providence College*, “Leaning on the Breast of the Word: Aquinas on John as the Model of Theologians”

Concurrent Session 10: [Moderator: Bradley Cypher]
Ballroom Section 2

Cody Feikles, *Georgetown University / The Catholic University of America*, “Letting the Angelic Doctor Teach Our Doctors: Evaluating the Thomistic Contributions to the Debate on Bodily Integration and Brain Death”

Ruby Marie Marsh, *Princeton University*, “How Beauty Leads Humans to Truth: A Thomistic Perspective”

Concurrent Session 11: [Moderator: James Kelly]
Ballroom Section 3

Gideon Barr, *Ave Maria University*, “For the Instruction of Beginners: The Place of St. Thomas in the Formation of College Students on Secular University Campuses”

Thomas Humphries, *Saint Leo University*, “Thomas on the Love of Teaching”

Brett Feger, *Ave Maria University*, “The Operation of Grace in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*”

Concurrent Session 12: [Moderator: Tyler Pellegrin]
Prince Building #115

Emma Miller (2021 Undergraduate Essay Contest Winner), *University of St. Thomas*, “St. Thomas of the Creator: The Return to the Savior through Recognition of the Creator”

Matthew McKenna, *Ave Maria University*, “Devotion to the Saints, Who Benefits the Most? Us or Them?”

Susan Waldstein, *Franciscan University of Steubenville*, “Mercy in Aquinas, De Koninck, and St. Damien of Molokai”

10:15 – 11:45 a.m. Plenary Session 1: [Moderator: Roger Nutt]
O'Bryan Performance Hall

Fr. Romanus Cessario, OP, *Ave Maria University*, “Mary in Catholic Higher Education”

Fr. Thomas Joseph White, OP, *The Angelicum*, “Mariology and the Sense of Mystery: The Virgin Mary and the Spiritual Practice of Catholic Theology”

12:00 p.m. Mass (optional)

- 1:15 – 2:45 p.m. Plenary Session 2: [Moderator: Fr. Guy Mansini, OSB]
O'Bryan Performance Hall
- Dr. Steven Long**, *Ave Maria University*, “St. Thomas Aquinas and the Transcendental Analogicity of Creation and Revelation”
Bishop Daniel Flores, *Diocese of Brownsville*, “Scriptural Figuration, the Humanity of Christ, and the *Homo Spiritualis*”
- 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Concurrent Session 13: [Moderator: Daniel Lendman]
Ballroom Section 1
- Gerald Boersma**, *Ave Maria University*, “The Invisible Missions and the Saint’s Connatural Knowledge of God”
Fr. Andrew Hofer, OP, *Dominican House of Studies*, “Thomas Aquinas as Spiritual Teacher for Preachers”
Michael Waldstein, *Franciscan University of Steubenville*, “The Holy Spirit as Bond of Love Between the Father and the Son according to St. Thomas”
- Concurrent Session 14: [Moderator: Michael De Salvo]
Ballroom Section 2
- Richard Meloche**, *Alcuin Institute*, “The ‘Virgilian’ Foundations of Thomistic Metaphysics: A Blueprint for a Happy Life”
T. Adam Van Wart, *Ave Maria University*, “He That Is Spiritual: Aquinas, Paul, and the Primacy of Cruciform Wisdom”
Daniel Waldow, *Duquesne University*, “Aquinas as a Teacher of Scripture: the Literal, Christological Sense of Isaiah 53”
- Concurrent Session 15: [Moderator: Brett Feger]
Ballroom Section 3
- Anthony Marsh**, *Columbia University*, “Aquinas’ Five Ways and the Four Causes”
Matthew Messer, *University of Notre Dame*, “‘That Your Days May Be Long in the Land’: Aquinas on the Promise of the Fourth Commandment”
Fr. Russell Ward, *University of Notre Dame*, “At the Crossroads Between the Acquired and Infused Virtues: Cases of Conflict and Possible Resolutions”
- Concurrent Session 16: [Moderator: Matthew McKenna]
Henkels Academic Building #1025
- Mark Heffley**, *Ave Maria University*, “A Promised Theophany? Reading John 14:21 with St. Augustine and St. Thomas”
Thomas Hibbs, *Baylor*, “Saint Thomas as Spiritual Master: The Prologue to the *Summa Contra Gentiles*”
Louis Knuffke, *Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, the Angelicum*, “The Eucharist, Sacrament of Charity”
- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker: [Introduction: Fr. Andrew Hofer, OP] (Lecture Pre-Recorded)
O'Bryan Performance Hall
- Archbishop J. Augustine Di Noia, OP**, *Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith*, “*Quantum Potes, Tantum Aude*: Elements of Liturgical Spirituality in the Theology of St. Thomas”

Saturday, February 12

- 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration, *Prince Building (Outside of the O’Bryan Performance Hall)*
- 7:30 a.m. Mass (optional), *Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel (Located in Xavier Hall)*
- 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Concurrent Session 17: [Moderator: T. Adam Van Wart]
Henkels Academic Building #1012
Fr. Ryan Connors, *St. John’s Seminary*, “Speaking the Truth in Love: Aquinas on the Sins of Speech”
Fr. Reginald Lynch OP, *Dominican House of Studies*, “Friendship and the Theological Life”
Fr. Jason Mitchell, *Gannon University*, “Aquinas on Participation: Nature, Grace, and Glory”
- Concurrent Session 18: [Moderator: Kara Logan]
Henkels Academic Building #1014
Jose Belleza, *University of Cambridge*, “Spiritual Renewal of the Clergy: A Victorine-Thomist Perspective”
Jason Gale, *Aquinas College Nashville*, “Aquinas the Catechist and Fidelity to Man”
Urban Hannon, *Angelicum*, “Studying and Suffering Divine Things: St. Thomas Aquinas on Hierotheus”
- Concurrent Session 19: [Moderator: Fr. Joseph Lugalambi]
Henkels Academic Building #1025
Marie Ferman, *Ave Maria University*, “Spiritual Remedies to a Culture of Calumny: Thomas Aquinas on Prayer and Fear of Lord”
Fr. Samuel Peter Lovás, OP, *Palacký University Olomouc*, “St. Thomas Aquinas on the Role of ‘Intention’ in Our Acting”
John O’Neill, *Saint John Vianney College Seminary*, “The ‘Fruition’ and ‘Enjoyment’ of the Divine Persons: Thomas’s Account of the Role of ‘Experience’ in Our Knowledge of the Divine Persons”
- 10:15 – 11:45 a.m. Plenary Session 3: [Moderator: T. Adam Van Wart]
O’Bryan Performance Hall
Fr. Dominic Legge, OP, *Dominican House of Studies*, “Christ’s Prayer to the Father (and Ours)”
Dr. Michael Root, *The Catholic University of America*, “Hope, Sin, and Penitence: Aquinas and a Controversy of the Sixteenth Century”
- 1:15 – 2:45 p.m. Plenary Session 4: [Moderator: Daniel Lendman]
O’Bryan Performance Hall
Dr. Therese Scarpelli Cory, *University of Notre Dame*, “Aquinas on Moral Self-Knowledge”
Fr. Thomas Weinandy, OFM Cap, *Capuchin College*, “The Gospel According to St. John: Abiding in Christ and the Culture of Grace”
- 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Concurrent Session 20: [Moderator: Jeffrey Walkey]
Henkels Academic Building #1012
Fr. Dominic Langevin, OP, *Dominican House of Studies*, “The Sacraments as Teachers”
John O’Callaghan, *University of Notre Dame*, “Philosophy After Christ”
Randall Smith, *University of St. Thomas*, “Natural Law, Grace, and Charity”

Concurrent Session 21: [Moderator: Mark Heffley]
Henkels Academic Building #1014

Sr. Hyacinth Hayward, OP, *Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception*, “He Who Loses His Life Will Find It: Religious Obedience and the Virtue of Hope in Aquinas”
Stephen Hill, *Ave Maria University*, “‘Intellectual Monasticism’: St. Thomas as Spiritual Abbot to Theologians”

Fr. Michael O’Connor, OP, *Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception*, “‘Spiritual Procreation’: Aquinas on Fruitful Virginity”

Concurrent Session 22: [Moderator: Hannah Baalman]
Henkels Academic Building #1025

Tommy Killackey, *University of St. Thomas*, “Curiosity and Man’s Lust for Power”
Daniel Fitzpatrick, *University of St. Thomas*, “Sabbath and Acedia: St. Thomas and the Besetting Sin of Our Age”

Concurrent Session 23: [Moderator: William Horstmann]
Henkels Academic Building #1030

Joshua Brotherton, *The Catholic University of America*, “The Role of the Nature-Grace Principle in the Spiritual Lives of Christians”

Deacon Karl Cooper, *Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts*, “Brotherly Correction in Spiritual Direction”

Daniel Garland, *Charlotte Catholic High School*, “Jesus Told Dad Jokes: The Virtue of Eutrapelia in the Teaching of St. Thomas Aquinas”

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (optional), *Ave Maria Parish Church*

6:15 –7:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker: [Moderator: Michael Dauphinais]
O’ Bryan Performance Hall

Fr. Wojciech Giertych, OP, *Theologian of the Pontifical Household*, “You, a Teacher in Israel, and You Do Not Know These Things! (Jn 3. 10)”

7:45 p.m. Closing of the Conference
O’ Bryan Performance Hall